

Town of Freedom
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 22, 2021

Board Members Present: R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, Geoff Milks,
& Deputy Supervisor John Hill

Absent: Supervisor Randy Lester

Other Officials: Highway Superintendent Jim Haggerty, Planning Board Member Dan Meyers, Dog Control Officer Denise Willard, and Town Attorney Eric Firkel

Others: 7

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Deputy Supervisor John Hill.

I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Deputy Supervisor John Hill

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Town Board Meeting – From January 11, 2021

A motion was made by Geoff Milks to accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2021 as submitted. Seconded by Dustin Bliss.

Roll Call: Ayes:4 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, Geoff Milks,
& Deputy Supervisor John Hill

III. TOWN OF FREEDOM

RESOLUTION # 3-2021

February 22, 2021

A Resolution transferring funds from Archives Grant Fund.

The Town Board of the Town of Freedom, in compliance with Resolution #13-2019 and pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-c, wishes to;

Transfer funds from:
Archives Grant Fund Account in the amount of \$10,984.69

To: A1410.4 (Town Clerk's Contractual) to cover part of the cost incurred for scanning and setting up archives on a server, as set forth in our grant from the State of New York. Remaining costs will be reimbursed when we receive final grant payment from the State of New York.

Motion by: Geoff Milks, Seconded by Dustin Bliss

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Roll call:

Morgan: Aye

Bliss: Aye

Hill: Aye

Milks: Aye

Lester: Absent

Clerk: Mindy Holland Date: 02/22/2021

**IV. Resolution of the Town of Freedom
Randy Lester, Supervisor**

Members of the Town Council: John Hill | Geoffrey Milks | R. Nick Morgan | Dustin Bliss
Clerk: Mindy Holland

DATE: 02/22/2021

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4 YEAR: 2021

MOVED BY: Geoff Milks

SECOND BY: Dustin Bliss

TITLE: Resolution Introducing Local Law 1 -2021 "A Local Law Providing for No Exemption for Wind, Solar or Farm Waste Energy Facilities Under New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 487"; Scheduling Public Hearing

WHEREAS, Pursuant to section 10 of the municipal home rule law, the Town of Freedom may from time to time enact such local laws as it deems necessary; and

WHEREAS, placed on the desks and delivered to each Councilman and the Clerk is Local Law 1 - 2021 entitled "A Local Law Providing for No Exemption for Wind, Solar or Farm Waste Energy Facilities Under New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 487"; and

WHEREAS, prior to adoption by the Town Board, a public hearing must be held; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, there be introduced Local Law 1 - 2021 entitled "A Local Law Providing for No Exemption for Wind, Solar or Farm Waste Energy Facilities Under New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 487" on this date, February 22, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be held on the proposed Local Law 1 - 2021 by the Freedom Town Board on March 15, 2021, at 7:01 p.m. at Freedom Town Hall,

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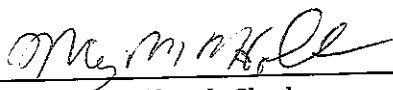
1188 Eagle Street, PO Box 89, Sandusky, New York 14133, and that at least five (5) days notice of such hearing shall be given by the Clerk by the posting thereof upon the bulletin board in the Town Hall and by publishing such notice at least once in the Olean Times Herald.

Dustin Bliss amended this and wanted it to read as the Olean Times Herald and the Arcade Herald. Seconded by Geoff Milks.

Roll Call: Ayes 4: R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, Geoff Milks,
& Deputy Supervisor John Hill

The resolution as stated above is hereby adopted by a majority vote of the Town of Freedom Town Board at an official meeting held on the 22nd day of February in the year 2021, the ayes and nays take and recorded below:

Absent	Randy Lester, Supervisor
Aye	John Hill, Deputy Supervisor
Aye	R. Nick Morgan, Councilmember
Aye	Geoffrey Milks, Councilmember
Aye	Dustin Bliss, Councilmember

CERTIFIED: 
Mindy Holland, Clerk
Town of Freedom

**V.) Resolution of the Town of Freedom
Randy Lester, Supervisor**

Members of the Town Council: Geoffrey Milks | John Hill | R. Nick Morgan | Dustin Bliss
Clerk: Mindy Holland

DATE: 02/22/2021

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 5 YEAR: 2021
MOVED BY: Geoff Milks SECOND BY: R. Nick Morgan

TITLE: **Resolution Authorizing Town Board to Execute Contract with Shane & Firkel, P.C. for General Municipal Legal Services for 2021;**

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WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to contract for general municipal legal services for the period of February 22, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Eric M. Firkel, Esq., Partner of the firm of Shane & Firkel, P.C., will provide general legal counsel, its officers and agents; and now therefore be it

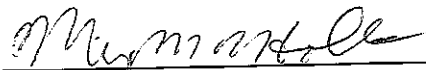
RESOLVED, that the Town Board be authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Shane & Firkel, P.C. to act as Attorney for the Town commencing February 22, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021, and such agreement shall include, at a minimum, the following stipulations:

- Hourly rate billed by Shane & Firkel, P.C. will be \$175.00;
- Contract may be terminated by either party without notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Shane & Firkel, P.C., Eric M. Firkel, Esq., is hereby directed and authorized to defend litigation, participate in settlement conferences, appear on behalf of Town in any and all matters of the Town, and generally exercise broad legal discretion in protecting and defending the interest of the Town of Freedom in all legal actions.

The resolution as stated above is hereby adopted by a majority vote of the Town of Freedom Town Board at an official meeting held on the 22nd day of February in the year 2021, the ayes and nays take and recorded below:

Absent	Randy Lester, Supervisor
Aye	Geoffrey Milks, Councilmember
Aye	John Hill, Deputy Supervisor
Aye	R. Nick Morgan, Councilmember
Aye	Dustin Bliss, Councilmember

CERTIFIED: 
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VI.) OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) **Amending Vote from December 16, 2020:** Town Clerk Mindy Holland explained that the Board of Election, the Republican Commissioner feels

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the Town of Freedom needed to put a number on their vote to go to one Justice. After Mindy has reached out to the Association of Towns, they emailed her back and said; "A formal resolution tonight would just be memorializing / ratifying the motion that was previously passed, there is no need to publish it again as you (Mindy) already did this when it was first adopted." Mindy stated it was published in the paper on December 24, 2020. Mindy said after talking to Deputy Supervisor John Hill, he would like to put a Resolution number from 2020 on this motion and be done with this. The Resolution will be 47 of 2020. Councilman Geoff Milks stated that keeping two justice was on the ballot in 2017. It was defeated significantly. Geoff stated personally talking to the Justice the town can go to one. John stated he agrees with that, it was brought up, and there was a petition made. Geoff said if it was not so recent, he would not have brought it up, it was a substantial defeat. John stated that the Board did everything that needed to be done December 16, 2020, it was put in the paper for notification, if anyone wanted to disagree with that, with a petition so it could go on a ballot this November they were aloud to do that. No one filed any papers, they had 30 days after it was publicized in the paper. Councilman Dustin Bliss stated that he at the time voted to keep two justices, as a town resident, he did not understand the work that was done. Talking to justices its fine if we go down to one justice now. His understanding that there was a lobbying effort back in 2017, small contingent town residents where just lobbying against Gary Chamberlain at the time.

John Hill made a motion to put the last resolution of 2020, resolution 47 of 2020 to clarify any thing that they have done in the past, on December 16, 2020 the Board voted anonymously to go from two Justices to one Justice. Seconded by Dustin Bliss

Roll Call: Aye 4: R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, Geoff Milks,
& Deputy Supervisor John Hill

B.) **JCAP Grant, Cameras, and keyless entry:** Councilman Dustin Bliss, said that Court Clerk Gill Koerner, and Justice Kara Brunner made a presentation a few months ago about applying for different things through the JCAP Grant. They put in for a Drop Box, transaction window, a handicap entry for the main door, keyless entry on all the doors and video surveillance cameras. There were only three things that were covered. The total of the grand was \$32,216.00. The three things that did get covered by the grant was the drop box, the transaction window, and the handicap access. That stuff came to \$11,029.00. The difference that was not covered was \$21,187.00 and that was for the access control and the surveillance. Dustin spoke with Gill about this she asked if the town was willing to

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spend the \$21,187.00 for the keyless entry and the surveillance. This is the only bid at this time because for the grant Gill did not have to collect other bids. Deputy Supervisor John Hill asked Town Clerk Mindy Holland if she had talked to Bookkeeper Jessica Dart regarding if the Town had the funds to do the \$21,000.00. Mindy Holland stated that Jessica, and her had discussed this many times for the keyless entry, Jessica has wanted this for a few years prior to Mindy being the clerk. The keyless was quoted out before for \$21,000.00. Ron Previty stated that he recommends the town really shop around and check, to see what they guarantee and what they don't. Mindy stated that Jessica said yes, we do have the money to do these projects. Mindy stated the cameras are a big issue we have cameras that do not work, the cameras are not the best. One concern of some of the staff is being at the hall at night and not sure if someone is waiting outside the door, or the building when we leave. It's a safety issue, and a big concern especially for us ladies that are here by ourselves late. Also, it has been asked that if they can get a light in the one corner of the building where the bush in the front is. Councilman R. Nick Morgan stated that the bush should be removed for safety issues. Nick also stated the town does have an issue with the building infrastructure, as far as computer technology to support the cameras, he feels the town will have to invest there as well. He would like to see at least three different quotes. He stated when we get into door locks there is a difference between wire and wireless, that will depend on our infrastructure as far as networking. A good exterior camera can cost \$1500-\$1600. Ron Previty recommended Chuck Wright Jr. from Yorkshire to possibly quote this. Nick said he has delt with Buffalo Security, Security Integrations out of Buffalo, and UNS services out of Olean.

John Hill made a motion to have Nick and Mindy to work to proceed on the security system getting a few quotes for the best option that we can, in a month or two, months' time we can start, we are getting the drop box, transaction window, and the handicap accessibility that we are going to get, but try to work the rest of the system into. Seconded by Dustin Bliss

Roll Call: Ayes-4 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, Geoff Milks,
& Deputy Supervisor John Hill.

- C.) **Alle-Catt Status:** Shawn Perry from Invenergy wanted to update the Town Board. As of February 10, 2021, the Article 7 application was filed with New York State DPS. The Article 7 is the process for sighting the transmission facility. Shawn pointed out on the map they brought collection substation on Osman RD; this is the first collection point of

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power generated from the turbines. The lines will cross Osman Rd and Route 98, then cross Galen Hill, Sandbank, and Blue Street. The lines will proceed crossing the south part of Freedom and enter in to the Town of Yorkshire. Once in Yorkshire the lines will cross over Route 16. Invenergy will then construct a point of interconnections, that are off of Neamon DR in the Town of Yorkshire. This is where they will inter connect into the larger grid. There are 4 main points, the substation (on Osman Rd), the Transmission facility, the standard electrical transmission facility, it's the H shape poles, point of inter connection, as well as a right-away that goes the entire length of the line, 75 feet off the center, off either side. Roughly 150 feet, sometimes it can go up to 180 feet. This will undergo like Article 10 did environmental studies, geological testing, wetlands, noise, other environmental in pacts. Marguerite Wells from Invenergy, stated that anyone along the route and in the turbine, area got post cards. They will be doing a virtual open house on March 2 at 6:30 pm, there will be more detail information about the project. There are also Intervenor funds that have been posted, like in Article 10, there was money posted for the Towns and other community groups to participate in. There has been \$100,000.00 that has been posted, half of that is for the Towns, Freedom and Yorkshire. The other half would be for other intervenor groups. Ron Previty asked if Freedom and Yorkshire split it? Marguerite stated its how they apply for it and what the judge says. It's not necessarily given 50/50. Deputy Supervisor John Hill asked is this all above ground, not underground. They are above ground. Mostly what you will be seeing is single folds with three wires. John asked if it will look like the one that comes down Bray Rd into Arcade. Scott from Invenergy said that this one will be larger. The poles will be taller because it carrying more voltage. Marguerite stated that they have visual simulations that they will have at the open house. There are paper copies of this Application, including the visual simulations, at the Freedom Town Hall, Yorkshire Town Hall, the Arcade Library, and the Rushford Library. Ron asked if they were going to put something on his neighbor's land. Scott stated yes. Ron was under the impression that if you are with in so many feet of these things you should be notified. Marguerite said for a turbine yes. She stated that they have been sending mailing for years. She stated that they rely on the County data base. She will get Ron's information to make sure he gets notified properly. Ron also asked if the Town already made an agreement with this company. Marguerite stated that this application from the Town and from the State to do this, this is step one, and it is not an approval. It can be a year, year and half long of review, and updates, just like Article 10, there is a lot of steps, lots of process. Ron wanted to know how close do the people need to be to the turbines to get notified. Marguerite said usually the property that adjoin, or abut, were something going in get notified. They gave out hand outs (attached to the minutes). One is about

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the intervenor funds and how to get them. The other is about the transmission part of the project. John asked what are they connecting into over in Yorkshire. Marguerite said the voltage of the line is 345 KB, the line they are tying into in Yorkshire is the same voltage its already there. Ron asked how would she suggest the Town of Freedom to get the most money out of this. Ron was referring to the intervenor funds, between Yorkshire and Freedom. Marguerite stated that the Town Attorney Eric Firkel knows how to get them. Eric stated that it goes to the Town if they want to intervein in the process, questioning things, working with them, negotiating, suing them. Ron wanted to know what the Town will get with this project. Aaron Saykin Attorney from Invenergy stated that was covered in the Host community agreement, there is a clause in the agreement called the most favored nations clause. The board at the time protected itself, so Farmersville got a better deal then the Town of Freedom. Freedom was guaranteed to get the deal that Farmersville got as well. John said yes if anyone else was getting a higher payment for megawatt, we could get that same amount. John said right now we are about 2/3 of what everyone else is getting. John stated they want to talk to Invenergy about this, and what does the Town have to do so we can execute our favored nation clause. It was recommended to talk to the Town Attorney. Aaron said that goes with the question what the benefits are, we negotiated, to take advantage of the best financial plan out there. Councilman Geoff Milks stated his understanding is that the Town has to adopt Farmersville Host Community Agreement. John said the clause we negotiated for the wind turbines, but its not necessarily for the transfer station. Marguerite stated its for the whole project, it covers the whole infrastructure, the payments are bases on the name plate of the turbines, but it's for the whole package. Without the transmission lines the turbines won't make any money, and the Town would not get any money.

D.) **Dog Law:** Councilman Geoff Milks stated it was discussed at the Planning Board Meeting, and it needs to be revised more. Dog Control Officer Denise Willard stated that she has the Town of Carrollton, and the Hume law, taking bits and pieces from them and our Town law. The Hume Law had a late payment, it is a \$160.00 late fee added. Ron Previty asked if we can prosecute someone for a late dog license. Denise stated we can. Deputy Supervisor John Hill stated that is what we are working towards. Denise is meeting with Justa Goodell, the Dog Control Officer from Wyoming County, she and her deputy do not go alone to give an appearance ticket. Town Attorney Eric Firkel stated that once Denise gets something together, they will streamline it. Denise stated that we have a contract with Cattaraugus County SPCA, it's not cheap, and any dog that the Town takes to them its \$150.00. Denise stated that the legal fees and the penalty are in the middle. Town Clerk Mindy Holland asked about

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excessive barking dogs. Gary Chamberlain stated that if someone goes to work and leaves 6 dogs out all day and they bark none stop that gets to be a problem. Geoff stated that in the law it does have habitual howling, winning, barking. Dog law is being worked on.

E.) **Comprehensive Plan:** Councilman Geoff Milks said he still recommends, and thinks the Town should adopt Cattaraugus County plan. He says it's very well written, our town lines up very well with the County. Councilman Dustin Bliss asked Town Attorney Eric Firkel what does a comprehensive plan do? Eric stated it can open up for certain grants from time to time, it helps give direction of where the Town is going. Marguerite from Invenergy stated that she has seen comprehensive plans used when there is a proposed project such as a wind project, or an old folk's home, they have to do a permit application and refer to the comprehensive plan, and see whether or not what they want to do is in the comprehensive plan and if it agrees with it or not. Deputy Supervisor John Hill stated that the Board members need to read the County's plan, and agree with is, and the suggestion that Geoff has, we adopt the Cattaraugus County plan. The Board will discuss at the next Board Meeting.

F.) **Emergency Plan:** Town Clerk Mindy Holland that this needs to be approved by the Town Board by April 1st. It needs to say who will work from home and who should not, do we have PPE for all the employees, what is the plan for exposure to a virus, contact tracing. Mindy has a copy of Wyoming County Emergency Plan; she will send it to Town Attorney Eric Firkel and Geoff Milks to review and follow.

G.) **Bids for the Chair:** One bid, Given by Mary Zink on 1/30/2021 for the amount of \$25.00.

Dustin Bliss accepted the bid of \$25.00 made by Mary Zink for the office Chair. Seconded by Geoff Milks.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 R Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, Geoff Milks,
& Deputy Supervisor John Hill.

H.) **Bid on the Filing Cabinet:** Ron Preivity made a bid of \$20.00. Ron also is taking an old filing cabinet.

Dustin Bliss accepted the bid of \$20.00 made by Ron Preivity. Seconded by John Hill.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, Geoff Milks,
& Deputy Supervisor John Hill.

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- I.) **Records Grant:** Town Clerk Mindy Holland explained that this easy project ended up being a complete nightmare. The scanning company that we contracted with, have been difficult to work with. The grant was supposed to be done by June 30, 2020 but due to COVID it got extended to December 31, 2020. The records got prepped, got them to the scanning company, they had the Vital records for scanning, they needed to come back to the Town so Mindy asked for them back and when she received them back, they were in a box unorganized and the thumb drive we got with the vitals where not organized either. It took three clerks working on just the vitals to reorganize the paper record and the thumb drive, 8 hours to get reorganized. Councilman Dustin Bliss asked if that was one of the bills the board signed in the vouchers. Mindy stated yes, the reason why it was prepaid is because she had to close out the end reports. The end reports were due the end of January. The company was told that they had to bill her by January 11, she got the bill after the meeting. Back in December they were told to have the bill to the Town by the 11th of January. Mindy has talked to the regional director of the records management from the state and she has stated that we are not the only municipality having issues with this scanning company. If we ever do a scanning grant again, we will not be using Biel's again. The other problem is when the grant writer figured out how many records there are, she did not figure in the right amount. So, there was more records of certain things then planned, so there is not enough money to scan everything that we had originally had planned. Another problem is the clerks check records as they come back from scanning to make sure it's been scanned and because we had to close out the reports, we can't get paid anymore from the grant to pay us. So now its on our own time to check the records to make sure all is good. The final reports have been submitted to the State, as of February 8.
- J.) **Junk Law:** Planning Board Member Dan Meyers stated that the planning board has passed on this. Councilman Geoff Milks stated that was the initial statement, unless they get a little more direction from the Town Board on what they would like to do. The town has a junk law not a junk yard law. The State has all sorts of regulation. Ron Previtly said the State has all sorts of regulations that the Town adopted. Ron said he will help the Town of Freedom in anyway he can, he also is not trying to start a problem, when he started this about the junk yard law, he was against making more laws if you don't take care of the laws that we have. Ron said the Town Board years ago finally agreed to go with the municipal law, they were supposed to go to the State and tell the State that the Town was going to use the guidelines from section 415. The board had made Ron move his fence back a foot. Ron said the board at the time was going to deny giving him is license, he had brought his attorney in and the

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attorney read the law to them, it told the board what they had to do to enforce what Ron was doing. If they change the law, they have to give you a year to update yourself to that law Ron said. He moved the fence and was able to get the license and has not had a problem sense. Ron is asking the board what law they using. Ron also asked about the transfer station, they needed an ok from the Town. The Town gave them the ok. Geoff said are we looking to make the law more restrictive them what New York State has. Deputy Supervisor John Hill said no, he would like the board to review the junk yard law they have and see if there is anything, they can change in it, also Ron has asked is that you should not be able to walk in and give the \$25.00 and you have a junk yard. The board will look into this for the next meeting.

VII. New Business

- A.) **Law Binders:** The board members signed out binders with all the land use laws from 1974 to present.
- B.) **Emergency Operation Plan:** Needs to be updated, Town Clerk Mindy Holland will have an update for the board at the next meeting.
- C.) **Veterans Project:** Councilman Geoff Milks read a news release from Cattaraugus County (see attached page about Veterans)
- D.) **Spring Training Webinars with Southern Tier West**

VIII. Public Comment:

NO COMMENTS

IX. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) Assessors –Repost Submitted
- B) Building Committee –
- C) Building Inspector – Report Submitted.
- D) Highway Superintendent – Report Submitted
- E) Clerk/Collector –Report Submitted
- F) Constable –
- G) DCO –
- H) Highway Committee –
- I) Justices –
- J) Parks & Recreation –
- K) Planning Board – January & February Minutes Submitted
- L) Supervisor –Report Submitted

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M) Other Town Officials –

A motion to accept the reports & communications as submitted was made by Geoff Milks. Seconded by R. Nick Morgan

Roll call: Ayes-4 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, Geoff Milks,
& Deputy Supervisor John Hall

X. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

General #25 to # 50, Amt. \$34,364.87, Yrly Amt. \$111,640.18.

Motion made by Geoff Milks to accept the General vouchers as submitted
Seconded by Dustin Bliss.

Roll call: Ayes-4 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, Geoff Milks,
& Deputy Supervisor John Hill

Highway #13 to #27, Amt. \$25,244.65, Yrly Amt. \$55,437.78.

Motion made by Dustin Bliss to accept the Highway vouchers as submitted.
Seconded by Geoff Milks.

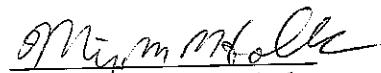
Roll call: Ayes-4 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, Geoff Milks,
& Deputy Supervisor John Hill

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Dustin Bliss made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p. m. Seconded by Geoff Milks.

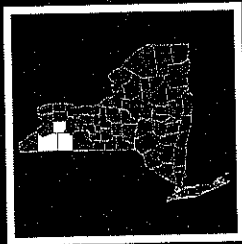
Roll call: Ayes-4 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, Geoff Milks,
& Deputy Supervisor John Hill

Respectfully Submitted



Freedom Town Clerk

02/26/2021



Alle-Catt Wind Farm

ALLEGANY, CATTARAUGUS AND WYOMING COUNTIES
NEW YORK

Alle-Catt Wind Farm will serve as a major economic generator for Western New York – driving more than \$9.1 million in annual investment, creating hundreds of good-paying jobs and generating clean, American-made energy for 100,000 families across the Empire State.

The transmission line will be permitted through Article VII process managed by the NY Department of Public Services, similar to the Article 10 process the wind farm itself was permitted under. The project has been given docket number 21-T-0059 by DPS which maintains a website with the project application and other relevant filings. Like Article 10, there is intervenor funding available, 50% of which is reserved for host communities.

\$9.1M

in annual revenue for local schools, roads and bridges, healthcare and public safety

\$1.2M

in annual revenue for county landowners

100K+

New York homes powered

400+

prevailing wage construction jobs

12+

new permanent jobs

Additionally, paper copies can found at the Freedom and Yorkshire town halls, and the Arcade and Rushford public libraries.

The transmission line originates at a project substation to be built as part of the Wind Farm in the Town of Freedom, off of Osmon Rd. The transmission line will go west from there overhead on steel towers, into the town of Yorkshire, across State Route 16, to end at a new switchyard to be built adjacent to the existing 345 kV lines that are located in the Town of Yorkshire. The switchyard will not be visible from any public roads.

The Article VII application was filed on February 10, 2021, and contains project details and maps along with technical information on potential impacts of the project, such as visual, wetlands & waterway, wildlife, cultural resources, noise, and electromagnetic field studies. The evaluation and settlement process take 12-18 months.

For more information, contact Sean Perry at sperry@invenergy.com or visit alle-catt.com

Join our next webinar on March 2nd from 6:30 – 8 PM!

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NEW YORK ARTICLE VII - INTERVENOR FUNDING SUMMARY

Amount of Funding Available

Article VII regulations require the applicant to pay fees \$100,000 for a line of this size, at the time of submittal of the Application.

Who Can Use the Funds

Municipalities and other local parties may apply for use of these funds to hire attorneys, consultants, or other experts.

50% of the funds will be reserved for use by municipalities.

Applying for Funds

The Presiding Examiner will notify municipalities and local parties when funds are available. Applications for intervenor funds must be filed within 30 days of notice of funding availability.

The Article VII Presiding Examiner will award funds equitably to municipalities and parties, so long as use of the funds will contribute to effective and early public involvement and to a complete record leading to an informed decision.

Requirements on Groups Receiving Funds

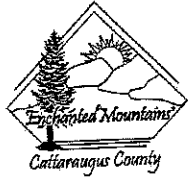
Groups receiving funding must generate quarterly summaries on their use of the funds.

More Information

The "Public Information Coordinator" can assist and advise interested parties on how to participate in the Article VII review and answer questions on intervenor funding. To reach the Public Information Coordinator, call (518) 474-7080 or visit:

<http://www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard/>

Click on the menu item for "Public Information Coordinator" (located on the right side of the screen).



**Cattaraugus County Department of
Economic Development Planning & Tourism
303 Court Street, Little Valley, NY 14755**

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**CONTACT: Steve McCord
(716) 701-3298**

Cattaraugus County Begins Recording Veteran Project

Cattaraugus County officials are actively seeking veterans to participate in a new project that seeks to record their tales.

The project, titled "Our Veterans, Their Stories," aims to preserve the oral histories of county veterans to preserve the human face of American History for generations to come and honor the men and women from our area who swore to defend and protect the United States.

Video recordings will be made of interviews with the veterans, which will then be made available to the veterans themselves, and the general public both online and at the Cattaraugus County Museum and Research Library. Veterans from all service branches, including National Guard and reserves, are encouraged to take part.

"I hear these stories on a regular basis," said county Veterans Service Director Steve McCord. "We want to sit down with any veteran that wants to tell their story and we will record it."

In addition, an official kick-off event is being planned at the County Museum on Armed Forces Day, May 15th. An accompanying exhibit at the museum is also in the works, and veterans will be asked if they have any artifacts from their service they would be interested in displaying.

If you are interested in participating, or know anyone who might be, visit www.CattCo.org/Veterans-Stories or contact Steve McCord at 716-701-3298. The County Museum can also be reached at (716) 353-8200.

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