

TOWN OF AMITY PLANNING BOARD  
Regular Meeting Meetings  
January 16, 2020

*REVISE*  
**Roll Call** -- Members present: W. Skinner, D. Serra, J. Maynard, G. Hanchett, B. Zlomek  
Members absent: P. VanDyk, J. Clouse  
Guests present: Michelle Denhoff, Allegany County Office of Planning & Development;  
D. Skinner  
Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

**Secretary's Report** -- Tabled

**Guest Presentation** – Michelle Denhoff's presentation on Solar Law was very interesting and informative. She gave us sample copies of the law developed by the Towns of Burns, Dansville, and Angelica; the New York Planning Federation News, which had an excellent article on "Solar Law Simplified," as well as the New York Solar Guidebook. After her presentation there was a short question and answer session.

The board discussed certain aspects of the town laws presented and at our next meeting we will decide on our solar law.

**Liaison Report** – W. Skinner reported on the Town Board meeting on 6-13-2020. There was a major discussion regarding the salary paid to the newly-elected town justice, Dennis Stack. Justice Stack was under the impression that he would be receiving the same salary as the retired Justice Presutti. The Town did not include in its 2020 budget for Justice the same salary as the retiring justice who had been practicing for 40 years. Justice Stack offered his resignation effective 12-31-20 if the salary issue could not be resolved; the Court Clerk stated she would resign if Justice Stack resigned.

There was a discussion regarding a letter to the town supervisor dated 12-13-19 from the ACIDA director Craig Clark, about a public meeting to be held on 1-9-19 regarding amendments to the PILOT for the Crossroads project. Was the meeting mistakenly scheduled for 1-9-19 supposed to be on 1-9-20? Either way, the town was not advised in a timely manner of the scheduled meeting, and it appears the PILOT was a very good deal for the recipient.

**Old Business** – Ground was broken at the Quicklee's site.

A hearing has been scheduled for 1-10-20 regarding problems with some of the landowners along the new water line from Friendship to the truck stop. The situation has blocked the completion of the water line.

**Other Business** – The board watched an outstanding film created to highlight Allegany County and reveal its new brand: "Western New York Wilds." This film was shown at the Allegany County Planning Board Annual Dinner at which Catherine Young spoke about her new role in Ag Business. It is important to note that the film not only promotes recreation in our county, but also what it has to offer during the four seasons.

The idea of a brand for the Town of Amity was also discussed; J. Maynard reminded the board of his theme: "The River Runs through it."

**Next Meeting**    *Thursday, February 13, 2020 @ 6:30 PM*

**Adjournment**    Motion to adjourn by D. Serra; seconded by J. Maynard ; motion carried 5-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Zlomek, Acting Secretary