

Town of Oswego Zoning Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2020

Chair: Mike Asmolik

Members: Michael Asmolik, Robert Dexter, Debra Shoenfelt-Jaskula

Attorney to the Board: Kevin Caraccioli

Secretary: Kathy Delaney

The remote tele-conference Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was called to order by Mike Asmolik at 6:06 PM. This remote meeting was authorized pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 which allows town boards to hold regular meetings telephonically or video conferencing

Board attendance:

Mike Asmolik, Bob Baker, Debra Shoenfelt-Jaskula,

Others Present:

Attorney Kevin Caraccioli, Greg Hermann (Town Board), Francis Dellamano (Planning Board)

David Spotts (Summit Solar), John Switzer (Summit Solar)

Last Meeting Minutes:

Debra Shoenfelt-Jaskula made a motion to approve the January 16, 2020 meeting minutes, second by Bob Baker. All in favor, no opposition. Motion carried.

New Business:

Summit Solar Capital use variance for solar farm (8341 State Route 104)

Attorney Kevin Caraccioli gave an overview on the solar farm process to date that led to the need for a use variance.

The board asked several questions regarding legal definition, how long the solar farm will produce, and ownership

John Switzer gave an overview of how the farm would work and decommission plan.

Bob Baker questioned #9 on the Use Variance regarding notarized statement from owners giving authorization to use their property. It was confirmed that Kim and Ken Fox verbally consented to the use at a Planning Board meeting.

Mike Asmolik questioned would the panels be the same type if they needed to be replaced at some point. John Switzer explained it would most likely be the same module.

Kevin Caraccioli discussed the possible tax revenue the solar farm will generate. Solar Summit is seeking a PILOT agreement with the Oswego County IDA.

Debra Shoenfelt Jaskula made a motion to grant a Use Variance as submitted by SSC Oswego LLC upon the following conditions:

- 1) Follow the conditions contained in the Town of Oswego Planning Board's site plan resolution dated February 17, 2020
- 2) Follow all applicable federal, state, and local laws governing the construction and use of the property as a solar farm.
- 3) Present the Town of Oswego with proof that a decommission bond or fund is established for the benefit of the Town and the property owner for the removal of the solar arrays and return of the property to its pre-solar farm condition.

Second by Bob Dexter. All in favor, no opposition. Motion passed.

Old Business:

none

Discussion:

Kevin Caraccioli talked about the Town Board has adopted a resolution that will allow meetings to be held remotely. Governor Cuomo's executive order also allows it. Due to Covid 19, this will be the way the Town of Oswego will be holding meetings until further notice.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Mike Asmolik, second by Bob Baker. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Delaney, Secretary