

Hamlin Public Hearing
February 13, 2017

The Hamlin Town Board held a Public Hearing in the Hamlin Town Hall located at 1658 Lake Road, Hamlin, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Peters.

Present: Councilperson Jason Baxter, Councilperson Jennifer Voelkl, Councilperson Martin Maier, Councilperson David Rose, and Supervisor Eric Peters.

Also present: Building Inspector Cheryl Pacelli, Deputy Town Clerk Michelle Johnson, and Assessor Dan Stanford

LOCAL LAW PROVIDING THAT NO EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO ANY SOLAR OR WIND ENERGY SYSTEM OR FARM WASTE ENERGY SYSTEM IN THE TOWN OF HAMLIN.

Section 1: Chapter 442 of the Code of Town of Hamlin (“Taxation”) is hereby amended by adding Article VII entitled “No Exemption for Solar or Wind Energy and Farm Waste Energy Systems” as follows:

Article VII

No Exemption for Solar or Wind Energy Systems or Farm Waste Energy Systems.

No Exemption from taxation as authorized in Real Property Tax law section 487 shall be applicable to any solar or wind energy system or farm waste energy system in the Town of Hamlin.

Section 2: This local law shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Dan Stanford wanted to explain to the Board that assessors do not change property values for residential properties due to solar additions, therefore whether or not they get an exemption or not, their tax assessment will remain the same and will not affect the Town of Hamlin’s taxes. He handed out a fact sheet for the record.

A letter was received from One Energy encouraging doing a pilot program rather than opting out completely. They would like a reduced tax rate to make it more economical viable for solar energy.

Dan also indicated that at the last assessor meeting this was discussed and several school districts may approach it differently so we may have different pilot programs in our one town due to the fact that we have three different school districts.

With no one else wishing to address the board the Public Hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Resolution #88 Motion was made by Councilperson Rose, seconded by Councilperson Maier, requesting Town Board resolution to close the Public Hearing regarding the local law to provide no tax exemption to solar or wind energy systems at 6:37 PM as all business was concluded.

Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Councilperson Rose aye, Supervisor Peters aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi A. Rickman, MMC
Hamlin Town Clerk