

Erin Town Board
Public Hearing for Local Law
February 27, 2023

Supervisor Schmidt called the special meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 6:03 pm. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William VanRiper, Jr., Randy Evans, Daniel Delorme, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Wesley W. Rockwell, Jody K. VanRiper, Deanna & Mark Anvoots, Deda Cedar, Robert Romine, Roger & Sharon Smith, Alan Hughson, Greg Hering, Carol Morton, Kevin Hughson, Karen Johnson, Bob Wood

PUBLIC PRESENT ON ZOOM: "Neil"

Supervisor Schmidt welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Town Clerk read the Public Hearing notice posted in the Elmira Star Gazette on February 21, 2023.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Erin will hold a Public Hearing with the purpose of reviewing Local Law No. 1 of 2023 enacting a six (6) month moratorium on local solar energy systems on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Town of Erin, 1138 Breesport Road, Erin, NY 14838.

Any interested person may examine Local Law No. 1 of 2023 during the Clerks regular office hours. Said hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 1:00 pm-6:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am-noon, at the Town of Erin.

By the order of the Erin Town Board
February 21, 2023

The following persons spoke in favor of the six (6) month moratorium on local solar energy systems:

Bob Wood-Laurel Hill Road
Roger Smith- Breesport Road
Alan Hughson- Greenbush Road
Mark Anvoots-Federal Road

Points spoken on: depreciating properties, concerns of the Town being pushed around by solar companies, NYSEG having to upgrade the grid, regulations being needed.

The following persons spoke against the six (6) month moratorium on local solar energy systems:

Robert Romine from ClearPath- read a letter from Neil & Jennifer Vesek
Greg Hering from ClearPath
Wesley Rockwell – 9 Wilkinson Road
Kevin Hughson-Breesport Road

Points spoken on: minimal impact on land and views of surrounding neighbors, solar will help to offset cost of farming, further delay would create hardship for landowners and the company, individual's rights to personal property.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, a motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.