

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 2014
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

PRESENT: Mr. David A. Delanski, Chairman, Mr. Robert E. Lavash, Sr. Vice-Chairman and Mr. Dario F. Nardi, Clerk
ATTENDEES: See list (attached)

Chairman Delanski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Shepard Municipal Building.

Chairman Delanski announced that tonight's meeting was being both video and audio taped and requested anyone in the audience to disclose if they are recording tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Planner, William Scanlan provided the Board with an update on the Borrego-Landfill project. He mentioned he reviewed the documents sent by Town Counsel, Rick Holland and has passed along the PILOT/Tax Agreement to Mary Lou Coache in the Assessors office for evaluation. Mr. Scanlan after speaking with Mr. Sarno of Borrego; passed along to the Board members Mr. Sarno's request to seek a STM to vote on the approval and signing of the Borrego documents Lease; PPA and Tax Agreement. Mr. Delanski, in his opinion is not in favor of calling a STM so shortly after the recent meeting. He stated the next scheduled meeting would be in May, the matter could be put on then. Mr. Scanlan would hate to see the project jeopardized over a long delay; he will reach out to Mr. Sarno and get more information.

CORRESPONDENCE

None:

TREASURY WARRANT(S) AND INVOICES

Motion to accept warrants #44 (payroll) and #45 (vender) dated November 24, 2014 in the amounts of \$34,175.71 and \$30,102.04 respectively was made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the open meeting minutes of October 28, 2014; November 12, 2014; November 17, 2014 and November 18, 2014 as so written made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Delanski announced that this Sunday the 30th is the 19th Annual Tree Lighting Festival from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm Lighting Ceremony @ 6:00 pm. Any group, business, organization, school, non-profit, crafter or home business, or any interested person in the village of Warren or West Warren who wishes to participate that day please contact Millie Gushue @ 413 436 7125 or by email at millieg2@verizon.net

Chairman Delanski called for a recess at 7:07 PM to allow time for parties from Synergy Energy to arrive.

Chairman Delanski called the meeting back to order at 7:12PM

7:15 SYNERGY ENERGY – NET METERING

Mr. Charles Jenkins and Mr. Graham Knoll were present to speak to the Board about their company and the opportunities they can provide the Town with net metering credits on their energy usage. Mr. Jenkins provided a biography on the company; spoke to the multi faceted group of Green Engery/Sustainable energy products available. They are business consultants providing public/private partnerships to municipalities that do not have a tax structure available to take advantage of net metering regulations. A discussion amongst all parties present was had wherein potential options for the Town were outlined. Mr. Charles Jenkins confirmed for the Board that their interest was not in building additional solar

farms in Warren, rather to offer the mechanics by which the Town would benefit from power generated at sites located in other communities. Mr. Jenkins further outlined the benefits of their proposal which called for either a percentage “discount” or a fixed rate option over the full term of the agreement. Pros and cons of both options were outlined with examples for clarification; concluding there is no real downside to the Town should it pursue a net metering agreement. Mr. Scanlan introduced the proposed figures on the South St. Landfill project; comparing both projects over the 20 year term. There was a disagreement between Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Scanlan; wherein Mr. Jenkins voiced his discontent of the current discussion citing he believed his company was misled and given misinformation by Mr. Scanlan as to a PPA (power purchase agreement) on the Landfill project; therefore he felt there was no need for further discussions. The Board members were clear in that no PPA was signed and had made mention to Mr. Scanlan that they were not interested in considering a PPA on the Landfill project. There was some additional discussion around Synergy approaching the School District and the implications of that possible proposal. There were some final comments made by Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Knoll regarding the process and the need to act timely if this option is to be considered; following which they departed from the meeting. Discussions continued between the Board and Mr. Scanlan. Mr. Delanski stated that in his opinion he was displeased at the handling of the matter by Mr. Scanlan with Borrego and the matter of the PPA when it was clear the Board’s position was not “interested”. Mr. Scanlan believes there must have been some miscommunications along the way. Discussion concluded.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorena Prokop
Administrative Secretary

Dario F. Nardi, Clerk