

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Williamson, County of Wayne and State of New York was held in the Town Complex Court Room located at 6380 Route 21, Suite II, at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 12, 2015. The following were

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Anthony Verno  
Councilman Gary Orbaker  
Councilman Michael Bixby  
Councilman Thomas D. Watson

ABSENT: Supervisor James D. Hoffman

The Board reviewed bills for payment.

Kurt Allman; Highway Superintendant discussed hiring an engineer firm to submit stamped plans for the roof project on the Highway Barns. These plans are to show that the structure will hold tresses and how they are to be constructed on the existing structure. Kurt received quotes from Larsen Engineers and MAS Engineering. MAS Engineering came in the lowest at \$500.00. The Board suggested contacting MAS Engineering for more information.

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Williamson was held in the Town Complex Court Room located at 6380 Route 21, Suite II, following the Worksession at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, by Deputy Supervisor Anthony Verno with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Anthony Verno  
Councilman Gary Orbaker  
Councilman Michael Bixby  
Councilman Thomas D. Watson

ABSENT: Supervisor James D. Hoffman

Kurt Allman; Highway Superintendant, Phil Dean, Todd Brennessel, Wilma Young; Sun & Record and the undersigned Town Clerk was also present.

Public Comment: No one wished to comment.

Deputy Supervisor Verno explained Supervisor James D. Hoffman and other Wayne County Supervisors were in Washington to express their opposition against the "Plan 2014" regarding raising the Ontario Lake level.

Deputy Supervisor Verno made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bixby, to accept the Consent Agenda containing the following items:

- a. approval of previous minutes: April 28, 2015, Special Meeting - May 4, 2015
- b. presentation of Town Clerk and Tax Receiver reports
- c. accept the Supervisor's report for April
- d. accept monthly departmental reports
- e. approve the following budgetary transfers

| From                       | Amount      | To                     |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| General Fund               |             |                        |
| 1460.400 SARA/Records Mgmt | \$ 25.30    | 1330.400 Tax Collector |
| 1990.900 Contingency       | \$12,500.00 | 1430.400 Personnel CE  |

The motion was carried.

Councilman Bixby made a motion, seconded by Councilman Orbaker, to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a maintenance agreement with Modular Mechanical for the maintenance of the heating system at a cost of \$5,940.00 per year for a period of three years beginning on 6/1/2015 and ending on 5/31/2018. The motion was carried.

FYI – the last contract was for three years at \$5,760.00 per year.

Deputy Supervisor Verno made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bixby, to approve the disposal of dirt at the property owned by Todd LaBarr on Congdon Road just east of Willow Drive, Williamson, New York as per the Consent to Entry and Release of Liability Agreement. The motion was carried.

Councilman Orbaker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Verno, to approve the disposal of dirt at the property owned by Mathias Bischooping at 7302 Bear Swamp Road, Williamson, New York as per the Consent to Entry and Release of Liability Agreement. The motion was carried.

Deputy Supervisor Verno made a motion, seconded by Councilman Watson, to pay the following bills as audited:

Abstract Number: # 9  
Voucher #s: 15-610 – 15-685

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| GENERAL FUND          | \$ 24,454.60     |
| HIGHWAY               | \$ 5,203.49      |
| WATER                 | \$ 25,080.38     |
| SEWER                 | \$ 3,521.44      |
| <u>LIGHTING DIST.</u> | <u>\$ 352.17</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL:          | \$ 58,612.08     |

The motion was carried.

Councilman Orbaker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bixby, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Town Clerk

## **WILLIAMSUN SOLAR PROJECT – Landfill Location, Pound Road**

For immediate release: For more information contact Williamson Town Supervisor Jim Hoffman at 315-589-2038, cell 315-521-0437

NY-Sun Director, David Sandbank, is the Keynote Speaker at the Ribbon Cutting at Town of Williamson Solar Array Recognizing the Only Town in the Finger Lakes Region to Generate All Electricity For Municipal Facilities from Solar Power

**Friday, May 15, 2015 - 11:00 AM:  
Town of Williamson, 6742 Pound Rd, Williamson, NY 14589**

Community leaders, businesses, educators and citizens from across the Greater Rochester area will gather this Friday to celebrate the completed 1.5 megawatt solar array, which consists of nearly 5,000 panels, on the Town's closed landfill. ***NY Sun Director David Sandbank*** will attend as the Governor's official representative and meet participants.

The closed landfill was Town property that was unusable and had little value. It is the ideal location for a solar array and now has value to the town.

Larsen Engineers served as engineering consultant on this project along with the selected solar developer Sustainable Energy Developments (SED). The project was supported in part by Governor Andrew Cuomo's NY-Sun initiative, which is administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). NY-Sun is a \$1 billion initiative to advance the scale-up of solar and move the state closer to having a sustainable, self sufficient solar industry.

"Congratulations to the Town of Williamson for taking this important step to reduce its impact on the environment," said NYSERDA President and CEO John B. Rhodes. "We encourage other municipalities to follow its lead and install solar power to reduce greenhouse gases and help New York State move toward its clean energy goals."

Director Sandbank stated, Williamson Town Supervisor Jim Hoffman notes, "The Town of Williamson is on the road to an energy independent future. We encourage other municipalities across the state to use the power of the sun as a source of energy for their facilities, reduce carbon emissions and save taxpayers money."



**James D. Hoffman, Town Supervisor – Introductory Remarks and Introductions  
Announcement of Official Name and introduction of Samantha Walton, Williamson High School Student  
Elected Officials**

**Speakers:**        **Honorable Assemblyman Robert Oaks**  
**Dr. Jim Wood – Associate Professor of Education, St. John Fisher College**  
**Ram Shrivastava – President, Larsen Engineers**  
**Kevin M. Schulte – Chief Executive Officer, Co-Founder/Owner, SED Inc.**

**Keynote Speaker: David Sandbank – Director, NY-Sun**

### **WilliamSUN Solar Field**

#### **GENERAL**

- 1.507MW Solar Array (1,507 kW), approximately seven acres of array area
- Expected to produce ~1,750,000 kwh per year
- According to EPA estimates 10,837 kwh per year per household average which means this project is equivalent to the annual consumption of ~160 households (more like 225 in The Greater Rochester Area).
- Located on the capped landfill on Pound Rd in Williamson, which otherwise was unusable, undevelopable land
- Largest solar project in The Greater Rochester area
- Williamson became the first town in the state of NY to go 100% solar as it is projected to supply 100% of all municipal loads with solar energy. (Please note municipal loads only, does not include residents)
- The project was funded through the NY-Sun initiative, which is run by NYSERDA and is part of Governor Cuomo's commitment to protect the environment

#### **FINANCIAL**

- \$3.5 Million total project cost
- \$1,007,000 Grant from NYSERDA,
- Ownership was taken by Kenyon Energy before the close of 2014.
- Kenyon Energy currently has the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and lease for the project in their name.
- Town has the option to buy the project from Kenyon Energy after six years if they want to.
- The Town has low risk, if the system stops producing power they purchase less from the solar system, the risk is on the financial partner to keep the system running.

#### **CIVIL WORK**

- No ground penetrations were used, everything was built from the ground up.
- Grandpa's Nursery and Garden Center in Sodus did the civil work (mowing, gravel, road crossing berms, etc.)
- 17,500 linear feet of stone underlayment for the racks, 2,100 tons of stone was used

#### **STRUCTURAL WORKS**

- Ballasted racking system was designed and installed by RBI Solar
- 44,799 ballast blocks were used to weigh the ballasts down. Blocks were transported onto the landfill with an approved skid steer but had to be brought down the individual rows by wheel barrel and put in place by hand.

#### **ELETRICAL WORKS**

- 1,506kW of installed DC capacity
- 4,940 Solar modules Made by Canadian Solar
- 52 AE 3TL string inverters by Advanced Energy
- 260 strings of 19 modules in series
- 20 degree tilt and 185 degree azimuth
- 1.85 Million kWh / year
- Electrical works was split between Schuler Haas (AC wiring) and SED (DC wiring)