

July 21, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga met at a special meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2017 at Town Hall, 5020 Ball Road, Syracuse, New York.

Present:	Deputy Supervisor	Charles Petrie
	Councilman	Donald Hamilton
	Councilwoman	Suzanne Belle
	Town Clerk	Lisa M. Goodwin
	Town Attorney	Kevin Gilligan
Excused:	Supervisor	Thomas P. Andino, Jr.
	Councilwoman	Mary K. Ryan

Deputy Supervisor Petrie opened the Town Board meeting. He explained that the Board had before them a resolution prepared by Town Counsel regarding scheduling a public hearing to consider an extension to the six month moratorium on the installation of free standing solar panels in the Town of Onondaga.

Councilor Petrie introduced proposed Local Law No. F-2017 regarding extending the moratorium on Free Standing Solar Panel Installations within the Town of Onondaga and made the following Resolution, which was seconded by Councilor Belle:

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2016 the Town of Onondaga enacted Local Law No. 2-2016 imposing a moratorium on Free Standing Solar Panel Installations with the Town of Onondaga for a period of six (6) months in order to facilitate study and review of the issue; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2017 the Town enacted Local Law 1-2017 extending said moratorium for an additional period of six (6) months in order to facilitate further study and review of the issue; and

WHEREAS, this moratorium will enable the Town to undertake review and comprehensively address the issues involved with free standing solar panel installations; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the potential benefits and desirability of solar power energy sources, but determines that additional time and research is necessary to determine how to properly regulate such installations; and

WHEREAS, the Town has not yet completed its work, although it has met on a periodic basis to consider the matter and has received comments at a public hearing which require additional thought and consideration; and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve the status quo and allow time for the Town to complete its work and time for the Town and the public to review any proposed legislation upon completion, it is proposed that the moratorium be further extended for an additional six (6) month period in order to afford time for necessary referrals and comments on any proposed legislation; and

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of Local Laws in the Town of Onondaga, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that there are no other involved agencies, the Town Board shall act as lead agency, and that the enactment of this proposed local law, is a Type II action under SEQR, thus concluding the environmental review process; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law F-2017 at the Town of Onondaga Town Hall located at 5020 Ball Road, Syracuse, New York 13215 on July 31, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.

The question of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote and, upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Councilman	Petrie	Voted	Yes
Councilman	Hamilton	Voted	Yes
Councilwoman	Belle	Voted	Yes
Councilwoman	Ryan	Excused	-----
Supervisor	Andino	Excused	-----

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**TOWN OF ONONDAGA
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. F-2017**

**A Local Law Extending a Moratorium on Free
Standing Solar Panel Installations in the Town of Onondaga**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga, as follows:

Section 1. The moratorium prohibiting free standing solar panel installations within the Town of Onondaga originally enacted on August 22, 2016 as Local Law No. 2-2016, and thereafter extended six months by Local Law No. 1-2017 on February 6, 2017, is hereby further extended for an additional six (6) months or until the Town of Onondaga enacts comprehensive legislation regulating such uses, whichever shall first occur.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Hamilton, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Belle,

RESOLVED, that there being no further business to come before the Town Board, that the Special Town Board meeting be adjourned.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

Councilman	Petrie	Voted	Yes
Councilman	Hamilton	Voted	Yes
Councilwoman	Belle	Voted	Yes
Councilwoman	Ryan	Excused	-----
Supervisor	Andino	Excused	-----

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Special Town Board Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Lisa M. Goodwin, Town Clerk