



Tusten Town Board
Special Meeting: H.O.R.S.E.
Zoom Meeting ID: 886 4267 2424
May 26, 2020
6:20 PM

Supervisor Bernard Johnson	Present
Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger	Present
Councilwoman Jill Padua	Present
Councilwoman Brandi Merolla	Present
Councilman Bruce Gettel	Present
Other Present: Crystal Weston, Town Clerk	

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Call Meeting to order

Supervisor Bernard Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

1.2 Pledge of allegiance

Supervisor Bernard Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Announcements:

THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC COMMENT
PLEASE FOLLOW UP WITH YOUR TOWN BOARD FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION/QUESTIONS.

2. CORRESPONDANCE

1. Upper Delaware Council – Wish the Town of Tusten the best of luck - the location of the Town of Tusten Barn is outside of their federally designated area and therefore out of their advisory jurisdiction.
2. Division of Planning for Sullivan County – Endorses the Town of Tusten to serve as lead agency.
3. NYS Ag & Markets – Do not object to the Town of Tusten’s request to act as lead agency.

3. SEQRA REVIEW re: H.O.R.S.E.

Town Board reviewed the Part II of the SEQRA re: H.O.R.S.E.
Councilman Bruce Gettel did not enter the meeting until 6:41 PM and therefore did not participate in question 1-4.
All questions # 1- 11 were answered “No, or small impact may occur.”

RESOLUTION

NEGATIVE DECLARATION RE: H.O.R.S.E.

On motion of Councilwoman Brandi Merolla, seconded by Councilwoman Jane Luchsinger, the following resolution was

ADOPTED 5 AYES 5 NAYS

RESOLVED that the town board hereby determines that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED RE: H.O.R.S.E.

On motion of Supervisor Bernard Johnson, seconded by Councilman Bruce Gettel, the following resolution was

ADOPTED 5 AYES 5 NAYS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board is hereby authorized to proceed with the project, ratifying the Town's prior Consolidates Funding Application to the DEC & New York State Climate Smart Award Program submitted on February 28, 2020, approving the imminent purchase of the H.O.R.S.E. Anaerobic Digester* from Impact Bioenergy for \$127,500.00 with monies to be reimbursed by the NYS DEC (Contract N. DEC01-C01014GG-3350000) and the Climate Smart Award (\$63,750.00 match) and ratifying the contract for professional services with the Center for EcoTechnology, Inc ** which was signed on March 29, 2020.

*NOTE: This is not subject to the procurement Policy, as this is a "sole source" situation, pursuant to Guideline 7(c) of the Town's recently adopted Procurement Policy.

**NOTE: This is not subject to the Procurement Policy, as this is a "Professional Services" situation, pursuant to Guideline 7(a) of the Town's recently adopted Procurement Policy.

4. CLOSING ITEMS

4.1 Meeting reminders

Town Board Special Meeting: Agenda Workshop June 2, 2020 at 6:30PM

4.2 Adjournment

Motion made by Supervisor Bernard Johnson, second by Councilwoman Jane Luchsinger to close the Special Meeting at 6:41 PM.

*See official transcript for further details.

