

## 2020 Running Update

### January-

**Regular Meeting** - In case you thought you missed it, there was no update in December. We had a pretty light meeting that included the regular meeting items: review of the previous month's meeting minutes, financial report, audit of bills, appropriations, and reports from our Highway Superintendent, John Perry and Town Supervisor, Lenny McConnell. There was no report from our Code Enforcement Officer, Fred McAllister as he was unable to attend the meeting. We did however, recognize the contributions made to our community by Councilman Greg Booth who retired, and School Superintendent, Jeff Black who also retired.

I worked with Greg on the Council for just a year, but I came to know him as a dedicated public servant whose knowledge and experience served our community well. I also had the chance to work with Jeff on occasion through my work with the library. Jeff was always quick to help us out when he could, and was a true supporter of the library and the community as well.

Before we jump into a review of our January meetings, I want to share a map with you. I coalesced some information from the FAA website into a Google Map that shows potential wind turbine locations as reported by Terra-Gen to the Federal Aviation Administration. It's not part of Terra-Gen's final plan for the project, but it is the most recent information available. I thought you should have it. Different views are available via the down arrow to the left of 'Base map.' You can access it here: [Prattsburgh Wind Farm, LLC Interim cases for NY Form 7460-1 MAP](#).

Meeting dates were set at the Council's organizational meeting. Information on dates can be found below. Please note that the meeting time has been changed. Town Council meetings will now start at 6:30 pm. Highway Superintendent, John Perry reported that the weather has been helpful to the highway department. Some truck work was completed, and his team was able to assist Fred McAllister with some water work. Code Enforcement Officer, Fred McAllister was not able to attend the January meeting. Supervisor McConnell reported that Steuben Foods has decided to tear down their old warehouse, rather than make repairs to it. Asbestos testing and removal will have to take place before the building can be demolished. Supervisor McConnell also reported that he reached out to State Assemblywoman, Marjorie Byrnes and State Senator, Thomas O'Mara in regard to the sewer project in hopes of obtaining additional funding. He also reported that the project pace has slowed. The Council decided to invite J. C. Smith, the Community Infrastructure Specialist involved in the project and the project's engineering firm, Larson Design Group to a future meeting to provide an update.

Councilman Underhill and I conducted an audit of the Town Justice office as required annually by the state on Saturday, January 8th. Justice Chaffee and her assistant Sharon Saker, are well organized and met all of the requirements of the audit with flying colors. The town will move forward with a request for proposal to replace some exterior doors on the town hall. Also of note, the town has four applicants so far for the position of ad hoc member of the Siting Board that will serve as our local representative(s) during review of the proposed wind farm project. The Prattsburgh Gravel Classic bike race will be held this year on Saturday, April 11th. I'll have details on that as we get closer to the event. Last year's event was pretty cool.

Last, Kevin Sheen of Terra-Gen provided an update on the proposed wind farm. The last sound study will be conducted during the last two weeks of February. The Preliminary Scoping Statement is in draft form.

Once finalized, things will start moving, and intervenor funds will be available. Also, a second open house is tentatively scheduled for February 25th at the Fire Hall. Mr. Sheen mentioned that a tentative project map might be available by the date of the open house.

I have had several people express an interest in having Terra-Gen provide a formal presentation followed by a question and answer session, rather than a second open house. If you would like Terra-Gen to make a formal presentation followed by a question and answer session, please let me know. I mentioned this to Mr. Sheen at the regular meeting and he seemed to think folks were pretty happy with the open house format. Personally, I thought the first open house was well executed. However, I think a formal presentation at this point would be more beneficial than a second open house. What do you think?

## **February-**

**Special Meeting of February 13th** The Board met with Kathy Spencer and Crystal White of LaBella Associates to discuss matters related to the proposed wind project. Ed Brockman, Legal Counsel for the Board attended, as did Kevin Sheen, VP of Business Development for Terra-Gen, Jim Moscato, Permanent Counsel for Terra-Gen, and Rob O'Neil, an Acoustical Engineer from Epsolon Associates working for Terra-Gen. Many folks from our community were there as well.

Kathy Spencer stated that Terra-Gen would like changes to sound setbacks in the town's wind law to ensure certainty for the project as they move forward. However, when I specifically raised the issue of low frequency sound, or infrasound, those issues weren't addressed. Ed Brockman suggested the town use intervenor funds to hire its own sound engineer.

I also had questions regarding the size of the turbines being proposed and the type of footprint that would be required to support them. Prattsburgh's soil being what it is, I wondered if any special considerations had to be made. Good answers were provided. This spring, a preliminary geotech study will be made on perhaps 60% of the proposed sites. Studies will be conducted across a wide range of clusters to ensure good results. The preliminary geotech study will be followed by a final geotech study in which every site will be evaluated.

Kathy Spencer stated that many of my questions were tied to the Preliminary Scoping Statement and should be addressed there. I'm asking the questions now, because the Article 10 process subjects towns to arbitrary deadlines, making it more difficult to address concerns later on. Ms. Spencer did state that Article 10 has a stipulation process that provides for specific plans provided there is community input and questions.

Kevin Sheen provided some additional insight into an FAA filing that listed many potential turbine locations for which no land lease agreement had been secured. He stated some of the sites in the filing were added to see the impact they may have on a process the FAA goes through to see if it would result in a notice of perceived hazard from the FAA. Mr. Sheen also stated that some turbines may also be sited in the town of Avoca. He then explained a micro-siting process that would focus on a specific range of considerations including wetlands and wildlife. Any site moved by more than five hundred feet would be subject to another micro-siting review. Also addressed by Mr Sheen, the open house on February 25th will include a presentation/question & answer session. Terra-Gen won't have a turbine map available by the open house - but should have a map showing leased lands.

Rob O'Neil, the acoustical engineer working on behalf of Terra-Gen raised some technical issues about the existing sound restrictions in our wind law. Prattsburgh Town Board's Legal Counsel noted that our law stipulates a sound level restriction to a residence, but people may prefer the restrictions be set to property lines.

Last the Board renewed Les Babcock's assignment to the Board of Assessment Review. The idea of having the school pick up the cost of the crossing guard was briefly discussed and will followed up with school Superintendent Kory Bay.

**Regular Meeting of February 20th** Highway Superintendent, John Perry updated us on work performed by his crew. They have been busy plowing and sanding. They also had one freezing rain event to deal with, and some downed trees. John also provided the Board with some quotes on an all-wheel drive grader. Quotes were received from Caterpillar and John Deere. We also have a truck that will need to be replaced soon.

Supervisor McConnell talked to Senator Chuck Schumer about our sewer project. Supervisor McConnell also called for a special meeting on the 27th of the month so that the Board could interview candidates for the Article 10 Siting Board.

The Board also discussed our Telecommunication Law - action was tabled until we could hear from an assessor. The Board renewed it's policy rejecting the use of eminent domain for commercial projects, and approved renewal of participation in the State's Environmental Emergency Services program. Many community members were in attendance to voice their concerns over the proposed wind project put forth by Terra-Gen. Many good issues were raised and warrant serious consideration.

**March- No meeting due to coronavirus precautions.**

**April Meeting:**

The Board held a virtual meeting at 7:00 PM on April 20th. It was the Board's first ever use of a virtual meeting platform and it went well. The agenda was brief, but we did have Kathy Spencer of LaBella Associates on hand to discuss the proposed wind project. We had 18 members of the public tune in. The meeting was recorded, and can be viewed via the link below.

Supervisor McConnell gave an update on the town's proposed sewer district. Contrary to recent reporting, the town has not received a check for \$200,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission. Supervisor McConnell has reached out to Senator Schumer, but to date no aid for the project has been received. The estimate for the project has increased from \$1.2 million to \$1.6 million. Efforts will be made to secure additional funding for the project.

Kathy Spencer spent some time addressing the impact of Governor Cuomo's fast tract legislation known formally as Executive Law, Article 6, Section 94-C. The stated purpose of the law is to consolidate the environmental review and permitting of major renewable energy facilities in the state and to provide a single forum in which the office of renewable energy siting created by the law may undertake a coordinated and timely review of proposed major renewable energy facilities to meet the state's renewable energy goals while ensuring the protection of the environment and consideration of all pertinent social, economic and environmental factors in the decision to permit such facilities. Their words, not mine. You can read the law in its entirety here: [94-C](#)

The law is a major infringement on the principle of local rule. The law states: '...the office may elect not to apply, in whole or in part, any local law or ordinance which would otherwise be applicable if it makes a finding that, as applied to the proposed major renewable energy facility, it is unreasonably burdensome in view of the CLCPA targets and the environmental benefits of the proposed major renewable energy facility.' Personally, I think the law sets a scary precedent. If the State can choose not to apply local laws or ordinances that conflict with it's energy goals, what would keep the State from doing the same in pursuit of goals related to K-12 education, toxic waste or any other topic on its agenda? Ms Spencer suggested the town may want to beef up its laws in regard to environmental protections and

requirements for energy projects. There was no update provided by Terra-Gen on the proposed wind farm.

**May Meeting** - The May meeting update will be relatively brief, as the Board is dealing with essential business only until we can open the meetings to the public again. J.C. Smith of the Steuben IDA did connect via Google Meetings to answer questions about the town's proposed sewer project. Councilman Byington stated that he would prefer that funding for the project come in the form of grants and aid from state and federal agencies, and that the project not rely on revenue from a wind project that may or may not be built. It was a view shared by the rest of the Board. The comment was made in response to a suggestion made earlier by James Johnson of the IDA that perhaps the sewer project could be given consideration as part of the terms for any potential wind project. J.C. Smith mentioned that \$200,000 has been secured from the Appalachian Regional Commission for the project. The U.S. Economic Development Administration has also committed \$748,500 for the project. Additional money might be available via the N.Y. State Consolidated Funding Application process. However, it is not known when that process, which normally begins in May, might resume. Like everything else, that process has been impacted by the coronavirus. The current price tag of the project is \$1.6 million, up from an initial estimate of \$1.2 million. The increase was largely due to some additions that needed to be made to the design, and some adjustments to the budgeting methodology.

The Board discussed the project at length, and there are still a lot of questions. It was decided to pull a meeting together with the engineering group, Larsen Design. That meeting will be held on June 1st, at 6:30 PM. The public can join virtually via Google Meet at [meet.google.com/mpc-hqwz-nvm](https://meet.google.com/mpc-hqwz-nvm), or dial in: 470-222-6935, PIN: 167 321 079#.

The town's legal council, Ed Brockman also brought attention to some items that need to be considered in regard to the differences between Article 10 and Section 94-C of NYS Executive Law as they pertain to the consideration of energy projects in the state.

An idea for a public bike path proposed by a community member was also discussed. It was also decided to request an update on the old milk plant cleanup from Steuben Foods.

## **June Meetings Summaries**

**June 1st special meeting** – (J.C. Smith, IDA, Jason Bellis, PE, Larson Design) Details on the proposed sewer project were provided by the IDA and engineering firm Larson Design Group. J.C. Smith stated that Senator Chuck Schumer played a big role in getting \$750,000 for the proposed sewer district project. The state's NYSCFA Consolidated Funding Process has been delayed due to COVID-19. NYSCFA might provide additional funding, but we'll be competing against municipalities with more compelling projects. The IDA also secured \$200,000 for the project from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Suggested design changes for the project were deemed prohibitive. Single tank design versus multiple tank design was discussed. Locating the tanks in front of the buildings beneath the ground instead of behind the buildings was discussed. Rt 53 is a state route and poses the challenge of working with the DOT. If problems occur, there's benefit to having components in back. J.C. Smith spoke to the desire to address the issue of sidewalk repair. He mentioned how other municipalities leveraged grants to replace sidewalks with surfaces that are pervious to water. Municipalities leveraged watershed grants, but now regret it because of the added complexity and grant requirements. The Board requested details of the project that might be included in an engineering report, including a map of project. Things need to be

ready to go once the balance of funding is acquired. The Board will meet with the Presbytery regarding a greenfield owned by the church that would be utilized as leach field in one plan for the project.

Steuben Foods cleanup update - (Leonard Caruthers, Lawrence Stezlein) A technical overview with drawings was provided to the Board. The meeting ended in an impasse, over a disagreement as to who will be responsible for certain costs of the cleanup, specifically pipe and catch basins that would be installed on Steuben Foods property.

The Board also met virtually with Rachel Clar of Abundant Solar. Her firm won an RFP for development of solar projects on properties in the county. The town jointly owns the landfill with the town of Cohocton. The County has been negligent in including the towns in any discussion of development of property they don't even own. Abundant Solar is eager to move on the project. Rachel stated a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) would pay \$4,500/MW. That amount seems low, given upwards of \$8,000 per MW have been negotiated for other projects.

**June Regular Meeting** - The Board dealt with regular business – the financial report, bills, and reports from Highway Superintendent John Perry, Supervisor McConnell and Code Officer Fred McAllister. –The Highway Department has been busy with road maintenance, mowing roadsides, and the paving of Hotchkiss Road. They shared some services with Pulteney. Supervisor McConnell reached out to the Presbyterian church board. He also requested that the new street light on McConnell Ave, which is a private Road, be removed and used on Porter St. A tree needs to come down on Howe St. Calls were made by John Perry and Supervisor McConnell. Playgrounds and park openings have been left to towns. Social distancing at parks and playgrounds would be impossible for the town to enforce, so it was decided to keep parks closed. Fred McAllister provided some information and pricing on tank inspections for our water district. He also reported some issues with high pressure at various points on the system, and recommended a fix. A decision was made to go with same vendor for tank inspection and cleaning. The town's legal counsel, Ed Brockman shared a conversation he had with Kevin Sheen of Terra-Gen, noting nothing much has changed. He also shared recommendations from Kathy Spencer of Labella Associates.

The Board also met with the members of the Presbyterian church in June, so that J.C. Smith of the IDA and Jason Bellis of Larson Design could share details of the project with members of the church board.

**July Meeting** – The July meeting was a little lighter than most. A meeting to speak with a sound engineer from LaBella Associates, the town's engineering consulting firm for the wind proposed wind project was scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM. A meeting was also scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. The July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will include town supervisors from the five municipalities included in the potential wind project.

Code Officer, Fred McAllister shared that he acquired a quote for services on the towns water system for \$2,500 from Statewide Aquastore. Highway Supervisor, John Perry shared that he is investigating some software from iWorQ that would assist in the management of road maintenance, signage, and other functions performed by the highway department.

**The July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting with other town supervisors** that would be part of the proposed wind project was interesting. It was basically an introductory meeting. Purpose and goals were set, and the supervisors present shared their history in regard to both previous and current wind projects. As the

proposed 'Prattsburgh Wind' project has morphed into one that involves neighboring towns, it is important to note that the same requirement for a Public Involvement Plan and meetings that applied to Prattsburgh, now apply to these towns. This is further complicated with the arrival of NY State Executive Law 94c, which is to replace Article 10. The net effect is that in many regards the project is no further ahead today than it was one year ago. There is still no official map for the project. Covid-19 has also made it difficult for the proposed project to proceed.

## **August Meetings -**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with Labella Associates** - The Board met with Labella and it's sound engineer. I thought the sound engineer did a pretty good job of answering questions posed by the Board. It was established that the Board could not conscientiously set an Leq level as a sound standard without first seeing sound data on current ambient sound levels. In one of the sound law 'suggestions' posed by LaBella, the 16Hz Octave Band was referenced, but nothing below it. The 16Hz Octave Band starts at 11Hz. I was curious as to why that was. The sound engineer stated that it is difficult to measure sound below 3Hz. However, that still leaves sound from 3Hz to 11Hz out of their suggested specification. Since infrasound is a concern for many members of our community, I found the omission interesting, but the sound engineer said there was no reason why the low end octave band could not be included in our wind law if we started at 3Hz. The sound engineer then provided a very good explanation of cylindrical spreading of sound. Cylindrical spreading explains why someone just a few yards from a wind turbine may hear very little noise, while someone a considerable distance downwind of the same turbine may hear a lot of noise. The phenomenon describes the way in which sound is propagated due to atmospheric refraction, and it is an important consideration in any wind law. Also addressed was a 3dB exchange rate that is part of the Leq standard. The exchange rate essentially provides that every 3dB change up or down in average noise level corresponds to a halving or doubling of allowable exposure time. I was assured that the exchange rate does not come into play with wind turbines because it is in the wind company's best interest to keep them running as frequently as possible. It is for me just another reason why an L90 statistical descriptor for sound level, the one used in our current sound law, is preferable to the Leq specification.

**Regular meeting of August 17<sup>th</sup>** – Highway Supervisor John Perry could not be in attendance, but did provide a written update to the Board. Code Officer/Water Supervisor Fred McAllister provided a lengthy update to the Board. Inspections of the town's water system were underway. Some vents need repair as do some screens on the tanks. There are also some cracks on some  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch fittings on the chlorinator. Those fittings needed to be replaced. Additional repairs will need to be made in 4 – 5 years, and anodes will need to be replaced. Fred also reported that there was a communication failure alarm, and that Aqualogic was called to investigate. Fred is also dealing with a vacant property on 76 North Main. Contacts for the building have been unavailable. Email notices have been sent, but they may not be legally sufficient. Supervisor McConnell wanted to discuss potential changes to the town's wind law, specifically in regard to sound. However, Councilman Byington was content to let the current law stand as is and have the wind developer build the project within the confines of the existing law or let the state deal with the town law should it come to that. With Councilwoman Einwachter and myself already in favor of letting the existing sound specifications in the wind law stand, the subject was dropped.

A meeting date of August 24<sup>th</sup> was set for the local supervisors meeting. That update follows.

**August 24<sup>th</sup> Supervisor's Meeting** - A map shared earlier by Kevin Sheen of Terra Gen indicated that as few as 12 turbines would now be located in Prattsburgh. The Avoca town supervisor indicated that he

was told his town would have about ten turbines sited within its jurisdiction. The remaining 6 to 10 turbines would presumably be located in Wheeler, Howard or Cohocton. If twelve turbines were to be sited in Prattsburgh, the PILOT payment would drop to just over \$500,000 (annual estimate), which would be split between the town, the school district, the library and the county. At this time, it is unclear what the town's share would be. Under current law, the introduction of a PILOT complicates things for school districts. If property owners were to challenge assessments with the arrival of wind turbines, revenue from a PILOT could drop to a level less than anticipated. Because PILOTs do not count as part of the school district's tax base, and because the state has a 2% tax cap in place, school districts may not be able to make up the difference. For the town, a reduction in the number of turbines from 24 – 40 (the original estimate) to 12 would merely reduce the density of turbines placed where the wind blows most, it would do little to curtail the negative impact of wind turbines on property values. However, the revenue from any PILOT is now less than half of what was originally proposed. We'd essentially end up with less revenue to offset the same negative impact.

## September Meetings

**Regular Meeting of September 21st** Leonard Carruthers and a couple of other representatives from Steuben Foods attended the meeting to present three options to deal with stormwater on the site of the old Steuben Foods plant on Mechanic Street. Option A puts the entire system underground at a cost of \$74,993. Option B is a surface based solution to within 150 feet of Mechanic Street, at which point the system goes underground. Option B cost is \$34,700. Option C is a surface based remedy that comes in at a cost of \$16,201. There is a difference of opinion as to who owns a storm drain on the property. Demolition work was halted back in 2013 over concern for crushing an underground pipe. The DEC was involved, but according to the parties present at this meeting, they provided no options. Steuben County Soil & Water was also onsite in 2013. The Town and Steuben Foods are still at a stalemate over who should pay for the work that needs to be done.

Kevin Sheen of Terra-Gen also attended the meeting. Terra-Gen is meeting with local labor unions, and a bid list is being created for excavation work to be done. Mr. Sheen mentioned that there would be a virtual open house held in October. I'll try to pass that information along when it becomes available. The project has morphed dramatically from what was originally proposed. The project includes 38-40 locations in Prattsburgh, Cohocton, Wheeler, Howard, and Avoca. There is a tentative map of the project available [Tentative Project Map](#). As of now, the project calls for 30-32 turbines. Six of the turbines will be rated at 2MW and stand 500 feet high. Three of the turbines could be rated at 3MW and stand 550 feet high. The remaining 23 turbines would be rated at 5MW and stand over 600 feet high. For comparison, the turbines currently in operation in Cohocton stand just 430 feet high. According to the information provided, 75% of the power collection will be underground. The crossing of New York State Route 390 would be above ground.

**Other Meetings** Councilwoman Einwachter and Legal Council Ed Brockman attended a meeting with Steuben County on September 10th. They met to discuss the future of a landfill jointly owned by the towns of Cohocton and Prattsburgh. A proposed solar facility on the property would require the clear cutting of over 14 acres of mature woods and loss of harvestable timber that belongs to the towns. To be viable, the solar plant would need to generate 5MW of power - that would require that the entire 28 acres be used for the project. The County agreed to have a forester examine the property at a time that was appropriate.

Supervisor McConnell and I attended a meeting of Town Supervisors involved in the wind project on September 28th. Representatives from Terra-Gen were in attendance. In addition to what was mentioned above at the regular meeting on the 21st, Kevin Sheen shared that road use evaluation is still being done and is about 30% complete. He also stated that there was still no information to share in regard to the FAA's ruling on whether or not radar activated lighting could be used on the towers.

The Town Board continues to work on the existing wind law, and budget work for 2021 has commenced. The town is strengthening the wind law focusing on environmental monitoring, construction hours, inclusion of Department of Agriculture and Markets guidelines, shadow flicker, mitigation of nighttime lighting, complaint resolution, emergency communication and training, and decommissioning. There is some uncertainty on the revenue side of the 2021 budget because of the decrease in tax revenues the State and County are seeing because of the economic slowdown tied to Covid-19.

## **October Meetings**

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** – The Board held a meeting on October to kick off budget work. In addition to work on the budget, the Board also discussed a resolution that would allow the Board, if necessary to override the tax cap. The tax cap is set at 1.58% this year. The Board has no intention of exceeding the tax cap. The resolution was passed in case unforeseen circumstances were to leave the Board with no other alternative. A public hearing on the tax cap resolution was set for October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The Board also discussed drainage issues on the old Steuben Foods site. The county landfill located on land owned by the town and the town of Cohocton was also discussed. During budget talks, Highway Superintendent Perry informed the Board that Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding would be 20% lower this year. Another budget meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**Regular Meeting of October 19<sup>th</sup>** – Kevin Sheen of Terra Gen was in attendance and gave an update on the proposed wind project. Kevin shared that under 94-c one of the community benefits from the project would be a credit on electricity bills. It was stated that this would be separate from other community benefits. However, there is discussion on the NYS Department of Public Service website that indicates this could be the only benefit outside of a PILOT. Kevin also acknowledged that as things are right now, there would be no benefit from the project to schools. Results of sound studies and flicker studies are still pending. A virtual meeting on the project is being scheduled and postcards will be going out.

Highway Supervisor Perry gave the Board a detailed report of activities for the month. The crew accomplished some late season mowing, completed some grading and road maintenance, fuel tanks have been filled, and truck 304 had a new hoist installed. A new hire will need to be made to replace a crew member that is retiring.

Supervisor McConnell is exploring some USDA loan options for a new highway barn. We may be able to utilize the County's architectural engineer to save some money.

The IDA's JC Smith shared that he is concerned about the passage of time in regard to the proposed sewer project. We also received notice via Ed Brockman, Legal Counsel that a letter was sent to Steuben County Soil & Water regarding the old Steuben Foods milk plant. Engineers determined there would be no negative impact from a proposed leach field that would be located in the green owned by the Presbyterian Church. We were expecting a response from the County regarding questions about a proposed solar project on the landfill owned partly by the town, but no responses were provided yet. Last,



M&T Bank is suing the town over it's assessment on it's soon to be empty building. The town recently lowered the assessment from \$180,000 to \$160,000. The bank is now asking for an assessment of \$100,000. A public hearing will be scheduled for November or December to discuss water rates for those in the town's water district.

**November Meetings** - Guests at November's meeting included Lenora Applebee from the Historical Society and Kevin Sheen from Terra Gen. Lenora gave us an update on happenings at the Historical Society. The Winter Fest is essentially canceled due to the pandemic, but trees will still be set up in the park. Folks can vote for their favorite tree with a donation of non-perishable goods that will go to our food bank.

Kevin Sheen reported on Terra Gens recent virtual open house. That meeting was recorded and is available on the Prattsburgh Wind Farm website. No firm filing date at this time. The project will in all likelihood be pulled from Article 10 and submitted under 94-c. Kevin also stated that radar activated lighting on the proposed wind turbines won't completely leave the skies darkened as they are now. There will be a few sites where radar activated lighting won't be used. Turbine locations are still in flux, delaying sound studies.

The Highway Department was busy converting to winter mode. They finished some roadside cutting, installed some snow fencing, and performed some truck maintenance.

Issues addressed by the Board included the town's dog kennel contract with Wayland, M&T Bank's challenge to the assessment on it's soon to be closed branch building in town, a new hire for the Highway Department, and adoption of the 2021 budget. The Board also approved of payment of town and county taxes by credit card through a partnership with Steuben County.

**December Meeting** - The December meeting was not held because a few folks could not attend due to possible exposure to Covid-19 and an increase in cases in our community.