

Town of Venice Special Board Meeting February 15, 2023

The special board meeting was called to order on February 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm by Town Supervisor, Stefan McGonagle.

Roll call found the following present: Supervisor, Stefan McGonagle; Councilpersons, Brian Sheils, Edward Denton and Terri Denman; Highway Superintendent, Stephen Fedrizzi & Town Clerk, Andrew Simkin

Guest in attendance: None

Supervisor McGonagle noted that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss whether the Town of Venice should agree to hold a letter of credit to guarantee the eventual costs of decommissioning of the biogas project that is being developed in the Town of Venice.

The letter of credit is required for approval of the project by the NYS Public Service Commission.

There was discussion of the meaning of holding a letter of credit, and of the potential scenarios in which that letter of credit might someday need to be used.

Councilors expressed their support for the Town holding the letter of credit, on the condition that the developer, BlueBird Energy, and the principal dairy farm in the Town of Venice, Sunnyside Farms, enter into an agreement with the Town to hold harmless and indemnify the Town for any legal liability associated with the Town's future actions, if any, in connection with the decommissioning of the biogas project.

Resolution 19-2023 ~ To go forward with holding a letter of credit, on condition of a hold harmless/indemnity agreement.

Motion made by Supervisor McGonagle and seconded by Councilor Denton to agree to having the Town of Venice hold the letter of credit required by the NY Public Service Commission for the Bluebird biogas project, on condition of a hold harmless and indemnification agreement. Voted: All in favor.

Councilor Denman moved to adjourn the special meeting, seconded by Councilor Denton. Voted: All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31PM.