

# **Town of Morgan Planning and Land Use Commission Special Meeting Minutes**

**September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7:00 pm**

**Roll Call – Chairwoman Lori Witthuhm, Board member Leonard Wahl, Dan Dryja, Joe Brusky, Secretary Robert Straub- All Present**

**Pledge of Allegiance Recited**

**Start time- 7:05 pm**

**Minutes of last meeting, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Joe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan, all in favor, motion carried**

**Chairwoman Lori Witthuhm opened the meeting by saying we were meeting to propose a recommendation to the Town of Morgan Board to deny the building of the Industrial Solar Complex to be built in the Town of Morgan. Dan Dryja stated that many times in the past, the Planning Commission has recommended variances to land owners for things like road frontages being reduced, land around buildings, etc, to preserve Agriculture land in our area, and stated, this is what we do, we try to preserve Agricultural land in our Town. Dan also stated that the area considered for the Solar Complex would be industrial district I, and that would be a conditional use.**

**Town Board Chairman, Fran Wranosky, submitted a letter he**

received from the Wisconsin Towns Association. The letter references several state statutes that defines a towns role in regulating Solar farms, and the requirements needed for a electric generating facility, or high voltage transmission line. If a facility, or high voltage line produces 100 megawatts or more, it is not subject to local regulation. A certificate of convenience and necessity must be granted by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, for the facility to proceed.

The Committee drafted a recommendation letter to the Town Board asking to contact the state and county and to deny any conditional use permits or any agreements between the town for the industrial solar complex to be built in the Town of Morgan. Also recommending that tax payer money be used to aquire legal representation.

There were 25 Townspeople who signed in this night to attend our meeting.

Secretary Robert Straub made a comment about the process of posting the agendas for Planning Committee meetings. The agendas are posted in 3 areas in the town, including the town hall, the fire department, and the Sampson Hilltop bar. Also, posted on the towns website. The postings are done at least 10 days prior to a meeting, if there is business to address, the Committee meets on the last Monday of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm

Planning Commission meets every last Monday of the month, unless there is no business to discuss.

## Recommendations for the Town of Morgan Board

We, as the Planning Committee, established in 2001, per requirements of the State of Wisconsin, state to the town and county officials that the industrial solar complex, of which size is unknown, does not meet our Town of Morgan 20 year vision statement, in our zoning plan. In our vision statement, we list the industrial district I, a conditional use. We are asking the Town Board of Morgan to contact the county and state to deny any conditional use permit, or any other agreement between the town that may be required for the industrial solar complex to be built in the Town of Morgan. We also recommend that legal representation be used with tax payer dollars to deny the industrial solar complex to be built.

*Thank you, Town of Morgan Planning and Land Use*

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021