

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on October 26, 2021 in the Town of Moreau Municipal building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York, for the purpose of hearing public comment on Local Law 4 of 2021, which if adopted would add Solar Energy Systems PILOT Law to the Town Code.

The public hearing was held live as well as broadcast via Zoom.

The Supervisor called the public hearing to order at 6:45 p.m.

**Town Board Members Present**

John Hogan	Councilmember
Kyle Noonan	Councilmember
Alan VanTassel	Councilmember
John Donohue	Councilmember
Theodore T. Kusnierz, Jr.	Supervisor

**Town Board Members Absent**

None

**Also present:** Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Karla Buettner, Attorney for the Town; Leah Cronin, Assessor; Tammy Daley, Billing Coordinator; Wm. J. Gifford

The Town Clerk read the following public hearing notice aloud, which was published as a legal ad in the Post Star Newspaper on October 16, 2021:

**TOWN OF MOREAU  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on October 26, 2021, at 6:40 p.m. at the Town Municipal Complex, located at 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York for the purpose of considering the adoption of Local Law No. 4 of 2021. If adopted, Local Law No. 4 of 2021 would be included in the Code of the Town of Moreau as “Solar Energy System PILOT Law of the Town of Moreau, New York.” Written comments on Local Law No. 4 of 2021 can be submitted to the Town Clerk up and through the time of the public hearing. A copy of proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2021 can be obtained at the Moreau Town Municipal Complex and on the Town’s website.

Leeann M. McCabe

Town Clerk

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The Supervisor stated, that in New York State, the State mandates that the Assessor’s office exempt wind and solar farms for real property on property taxes for 15 years. He stated that it was the State’s effort to go-green. He stated, that there was legislation adopted, that would make the State obtain 50% of it’s energy to renewable resources by 2030. To ensure that no tax dollars are lost, the Town is allowed to enter into a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) agreement with solar developers or the system owner. PILOT’s are collected in annual payments and they can’t exceed the amount of taxes that would have been owed if the exemption weren’t in place. The Supervisor stated that PILOT’s are typically negotiated for a 15-year duration, with the possibility of a one-time extension for another 15 years. Taxing jurisdictions had the option to opt out of accepting these exemptions and allow solar farms to be fully taxable. He stated that

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the Town Board did not opt out. He stated that the County and the School didn't opt out either. He stated that the Hudson Falls School District, that serves property in the Town's Industrial Park, did opt out. He stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to allow the public to weigh in on the proposed Local Law.

There were no comments made by the public.

The public hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk