October 19, 2015, Town of Manheim Planning Board Meeting

Members Present: Carl Stallman, Sharon Baisley, Bill Timmerman, David Corbett
Members Absent: Robyn Cadwell
Others Present: Bridget Cuddihy & Andres Rivera from Monolith, Judy Mijares, Elaine Sperbeck

Chairman Stallman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, the pledge of allegiance was recited and roll call of officers taken.

Chairman Stallman stated that this was a workshop and there would be no public comment.

He then read Part I of the Short Environmental Assessment Form filled out by Monolith Solar Associates, LLC. The board concurred with the answers given by Monolith Solar to all the questions on Part I. The board continued on to Part 2 Impact Assessment and determined that if the solar project were allowed that "no, or a small impact may occur" in 10 of the 11 questions. They felt that a "moderate impact may occur" to the question "Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?" The site has previously been used as a hay field; permitting a solar garden on it will change the use of the land.

A Motion was made by David Corbett and was seconded by Bill Timmerman that based on the information and analysis contained in Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form completed by Monolith Solar LLC, and in Part 2 completed by the Manheim Planning Board the proposed installation of a solar garden at the corner of State Route 167 and the Barker Road will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Carl Stallman Aye
David Corbett Aye
Bill Timmerman Aye
Sharon Baisley Abstained from voting because her Real Estate Agency is involved in the sale of the property.

The necessary paperwork will be sent to the Herkimer-Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program for their review and recommendation.

A Public Hearing on the special permit will be held Monday November 9, 2015 @ 7:00pm.

A Motion was made by Sharon Baisley and was seconded by Bill Timmerman to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Ayes All

Respectfully,

Marie Gressler
Clerk