



**SPECIAL MEETING
Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
MINUTES
June 5, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Bott called the Special meeting to order @ 6:02 P.M. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Bott asked the Town Clerk, Janice Hannigan Kerwin, to do a roll call. The following Board Members were present.

Supervisor Bott	<u>Present</u>
Councilwoman Hoffman	<u>Present</u>
Councilman Sabo	<u>Present</u>
Councilwoman Merola	<u>Present</u>
Councilman Gordon	<u>Present</u>

Also present at meeting:

Town Clerk, Janice Hannigan Kerwin
Town Attorney, Nia Cholakis

Resolution 2025-06-61: Supervisor Bott made a motion to table the Matter of approving the installation of the expansion of the parking lot and a new drive out to Dodge Street, seconded by **Councilman Gordon**. All members voted **Aye** by roll call, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-06-62: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of extending the sewer service, south, along US Rte. #4 from Jordan Road, seconded by **Councilman Gordon**. All members voted **Aye** by roll call, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-06-63: Supervisor Bott the matter of approving and authorizing the Supervisor to execute a payment in lieu of taxes (Pilot) agreement for the Ingraham Solar 1, LLC Solar Farm Project at 391 Winter Street Extension, **seconded by Councilwoman Merola**. All members voted by roll call. 4 Ayes and 1 abstention by **Councilwoman Sabo**. Motion carried.

Before the roll call vote Councilman Gordon expressed his opinion about Solar Farms, either way he chooses to vote he needs to explain the reason. If he votes no then the County, Town and School district will lose money. If he votes yes, he then will have to explain himself to everyone who asks, as he doesn't feel that Solar Farms are a good idea. He feels there isn't enough information out there



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for when years pass how will we handle the panels and where will they go after they are done? Nia Cholakis, Town Attorney, explained why this was brought back to the board, as it was tabled once before. She sent it to the Ethics Board for an opinion, as Councilwoman Hoffman abstained from the vote, due to being a County Elected Official and Councilman Gordon also abstained as he is a county employee. Councilwoman Sabo also abstained, as her husband is the attorney for the solar Farm Company. The Ethics Board had a meeting and sent their opinion on the situation. The Ethics Board felt that it was fine for everyone to vote again, as neither Councilwoman Hoffman nor Councilman Gordon had grounds to abstain, invoke rule of necessity. The law dictates the permit to happen according to the town attorney. In the future, if needed, we could impose size restrictions on them, or even add additional buffers, but that would be a change in the Zoning Laws. Councilman Gordon commented that he appreciates the Ethics Board on the clarification, but he knows residents are not happy with the Solar Farms being in their back yard and hopes that at a state level things will change for Solar Farms, as this is his personal opinion. All members voted by roll call, 4 Ayes and 1 Abstention from Councilwoman Sabo, motion carried.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Bott made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All members voted Aye, motion carried. The Special meeting closed at 6:16 p.m.

- **A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF ALL DISCUSSIONS ON THE AGENDA IS AVAILABLE TO REVIEW VIA STREAMING ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE.**
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Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Hannigan Kerwin
Town Clerk, Town of North Greenbush