



RAYMOND

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August 21, 2023

Dear Property Owner,

By way of this letter, the Village of Raymond would like to update you on the status of the OneEnergy solar project that was proposed to be installed near your property. First, as you may know, OneEnergy submitted application for conditional use permits for two solar installation projects known as the “108th St. Project” (on parcel number 168-04-21-31-007-000) and the “5 Mile Rd. Project” (on parcel number 168-04-21-24-011-000).

After significant review and multiple public hearings, the Village Board voted to deny the permits for both projects on July 25, 2022. After the denials, OneEnergy petitioned the circuit court for certiorari review of the Board’s decision pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 68.13. After numerous in-depth discussions with legal counsel, the Board determined that the prospects of a successful outcome in this litigation were limited due to the State Legislature’s creation of Wis. Stats. §§ 66.0401 and 66.0403, which protect solar development and limit municipal oversight by explicitly restricting the authority of municipalities to regulate solar energy systems. The significant expenditure of time and money to proceed with full litigation would therefore not have been an appropriate use of the Village’s resources.

Therefore, the Village engaged in negotiations for dismissal of the lawsuit and ultimately came to an agreement with OneEnergy whereby both respective projects would be allowed to proceed but only after all of the conditions requested by the Village were satisfied. Some of these conditions (among many others) include:

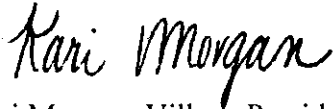
- Damaged drain tile repair and/or replacement
- Vegetative screening
- Stormwater management plans
- Soil and well testing
- Decommission cost guarantees
- American sourcing of equipment
- Emergency vehicle access
- Noise study and mitigation
- Wetlands preservation
- Soil remediation requirements
- Reasonable construction hours

The conditional use permits for the projects will be discussed and decided on at the upcoming Village Board meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

While this may not be an ideal outcome for all parties, the Village believes it has done the best it could to preserve its residents' property interests while abiding by state law.

If you have any questions in this regard or if you would like to discuss this issue further, please feel free to contact the Village Clerk's office at clerk@raymondwi.com or 262-835-4426 and the information will be forwarded to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kari Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kari Morgan, Village President