Village of Mapleton Minutes

ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING (approved)

Mapleton Village Hall, 8524 Main St Thursday, February 14, 2019 6:15 pm

- A. Call to Order 6:15 pm by Mark Foust, Chair
- **B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call: Present Mark Foust and Harvey Stidham. Absent: Rodney Smith. Also present: Mayor Carl Bishop, Clerk, Patricia Briggs and Mark Zweig of Sunrise Energy Ventures.
- D. Subjects

a) Application for Sunrise Energy Ventures

Mr. Sweig was asked when they would begin construction and he explained that next fall would be the earliest they would be able to start to getting the equipment together.

Alice Dailey asked if he was in the lottery and Harvey Stidham asked if the number of solar farms is regulated by a state lottery. Mark stated that the lottery is in constant motion. The purpose of the lottery is because there are more applicants than there are megawatts available. There is very high demand. Patti Monks asked How many solar developers are in the area and Mark stated that he can't really say, but at least a dozen. The question was asked what happens if Sunrise doesn't win the lottery? He stated that if you don't get chosen there are other avenues. He said this farm could offer power to businesses along the highway within 1000 feet. He said only 10% of the projects will be chosen, but there are 700 megawatts of projects

Behind the meter could offer power to business along the river within 1000 feet. Only 10% of the projects chosen. 700 megawatts worth of projects and he has no idea how many are viable. This project is

very viable as far as feasibility and cost effectiveness. Harvey stated that the Illinois Power Authority is guiding it so wanted the flexibility to bore under the road and serve the industrial area.

It is very viable and legislation is being proposed, not in this session, but at the state level.

- E. Additional Business
- F. Adjourned Open Session at 6:24 pm

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by Patricia Briggs, Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mapleton on 14 March 2019