

# Town of Greenville

## PUBLIC HEARING RE: MODIFYING ZONING AND SOLAR LAW October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 6:50pm

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Greenville on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:45 pm at Pioneer Hall regarding adjusting the Freehold Fire Department Contract.

Present: Supervisor John Bensen  
Councilman William VonAtzingen  
Councilman Paul Macko  
Councilman Rich Bear

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jessica K. Lewis

Department Heads Present: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley  
Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh  
Planning Board Chair Don Teator

Other: Town Attorney Tal Rappleeya  
Colin Augstein of Building & Grounds  
And 11 other guests

***This Public Hearing was advertised in the Town's official newspaper, The Times Union, on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.***

*At 6:51pm Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to open the Public Hearing for public remark on the draft to modify the zoning and solar law. Carried 4 ayes*

Town Attorney Tal Rappleeya explained that the purpose of this hearing was to discuss the proposed modification of the Zoning and Solar Law to include a Solar Planner. The Planning Board requested this change to help alleviate the roles of the Planning Board in the early phases of Solar applications. Often times applicants come before the Planning Board without having met the requirements of the application process and this causes more time and meetings being spent on said applications.

Planning Board Chair Don Teator stated that it would be best to bring in expertise to insure the quality and completion of the applications coming before the Planning Board. Mr. Teator also mentioned that the time that the Planning Board spends on incomplete applications is over the \$400 stipend Planning Board Members receive for their year of service.

***Supervisor Bensen called upon the hearing three times for any questions/comments/concerns.***

*At 6:56pm Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to close the public hearing.*

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Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

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