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- August 1, town elector meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Shupe at 6:00 p.m. with pledge of allegiance. Chairman opened the meeting with thanking everyone for coming to the meeting. Because there are so many people here, he asked to limit everyone to 5 minutes if you have any questions or concerns and to please be considerate of having one person speak at a time. Purpose of reviewing the existing and reenacting the village powers granted to the Town of Arpin on October 11, 2011, and to discuss the possibility that the town board enable a public health and safety ordinances.
- Diane Witzel spoke in regard to being raised in Arpin. A few weeks ago, she asked for a motion to start with the proceedings to start with the zoning and or special ordinances and that's why we are here tonight. This is not to step on anyone's toes or infringe on your rights, but rather to protect the residents. Concerned residents have been researching what the best approach is to protect our families' neighbors and our community. After reaching out to other groups and neighboring townships that have been dealing with similar issues, our direction could possibly be more on the ordinance side than on the zoning side. After talking to my neighbors and Arpin residents, we feel that transparency regarding the adverse effects, environmental pollution, health, water pollution, habitat, taxes, and decreased property values there are a lot of uncertainties with these large-scale projects, these ordinances guys are not intended to micromanage us. This is to protect us from large scale wind and solar. Arpin is not the first town to go down this road. Farmland First has a farmer's testimony on Farmlandfirst.com and their Facebook page. Please look at it. They are from wind, but this is the same battle whether it's wind or solar. I would respectfully ask that our town clerk to capture our comments and concerns tonight and make them part of our meeting minutes.
- What is the megawatt proposal of these solar farms in this area? No discussion
- With all due respect is it a conflict to have solar in the room as we discuss protecting our community?

- Don't you want her to answer your questions? The World health organization said that solar farms reduce cancer and that there is no cancer and that fossil fuels cause cancer. Another resident stated that they have a similar article and that one group said they are good for cancer and the other said they are not, but I am not willing to take a chance. Environmental semiconductors solder lead and look it up in OSHA
- How are you getting to those chemicals? It's getting into the water and into the air. What about the chemicals farmers spread on my field? Do you want more chemicals going into your water than what's already there? What about the pesticides on the lands? The government is regulating the farmers already. Who is micromanaging the solar farms? The solar rep didn't say anything. Electors told the solar rep she should not be here.
- Chairman announced Weve come to the conclusion that you probably shouldn't be here tonight because this is an elector meeting. The solar rep then said she would like to be on next week's meeting. The electors asked her to leave. She did leave.
- How does it affect the neighbor's property? Goes down by 40% per elector.
- A community needs to come together and find out the best solution to this issue at hand.
- Are they going to change the grade when they come in? Where does all that water go? They rape and pillage the land.
- When they do start construction, this company can work 24 hours and there is nothing we can do about it.
- Have we seen an environmental impact study that's been done? This third party, are they an out of state contractor? Yes, it's from out of state. They had a couple maps at the last meeting, but nothing was given out.
- Are we anywhere near what we want to restrict? Discussion followed. We need to protect our township so right now you are looking at putting a committee together.
- I've heard a few statements. Is it mandatory if we stop fossil fuels? No, I say follow the money, that's what it's all about. Can you clarify what that meant, like who's getting it or who's not? Yeah, the big guys are getting the money. In the end these are subsidies from the large government.
- Does the electricity stay here? Will it help us by lowering our electric bill? No, it will go wherever it's needed.
- It is recommended by the CDC not to live 1.2 miles of the solar panels.

- MOTION (Steve Kunding, Harry Jonas) I would like to make a motion to reenact village powers to the Town of Arpin in order to address the possibility of establishing community protection ordinances in regard to large scale solar & wind projects. Steve then amended the motion to include ordinance and or zoning if need be. Seconded by Jackie Cepress Motion Carried (56 yes, 2 oppose, 24 non vote)
- A committee of nine people was formed by the electors. Should people who have their land signed up be on the committee? Is that a conflict of interest? Wisconsin has a statute 19.59 that if you already have monetary things in it, you cannot be in the committee you can contact the DA and they will address it at that time.
- MOTION (Zach Kotek, Debbie Scholl) to block anyone from participating in any special interest in the project if they are getting any monetary from. MOTION CARRIED 56 yes, 2 oppose, 24 non vote.
- The chair was asked if there was any more business.
- Who is going to pay the property taxes when this goes through? The only one making the money is the state.
- What happens if there is a fire, and your house starts on fire? Is there limited access to the panels? They say that the perennial grass is going to be a good thing for the soil. What if its dry and where does all that run off go, it will leach into the ground. How are they going to fight these fires? Will you have specialty training? Who is going to pay for that?
- Anyone bring up the environmental impact on wildlife around here? Why weren't there any studies done before and brought to the town board? The animals don't like the sound. In this area there are endangered animals.
- What about stray voltage?
- What's our focus for this committee? Chairman asked the committee to pick a chairman. MOTION (to nominate Jackie as the chairman. MOTION CARRIED 56 yes, 2 oppose, 24 non vote.
- Discussion of the electors is to meet before the town meeting.
- Shouldn't the solar companies have made a public announcement to let the people know they were looking at our land?
- Electors asked that when they meet Sarah not be in the meeting of the committee.
- MOTION (Aaron Raab, Tyler Grosskreutz) to adjourn the elector meeting. Motion Carried
- The elector meeting ended at 7:01 p.m.

- Shelly Grimm, Clerk