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DOLGEVILLE PLANNING BOARD
MARCH 10, 2026

MEMBERS:

Chairperson: Paul Puznowski

Donna DeLucco
Christine Reynolds
Jenny Armstrong
Cordell Wattlely, Jr,

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Jenny Armstrong

ATTENDEES: Paul Puznowski, Donna DeLucco, Christine Reynolds, Jenny Armstrong, Cordell Wattlely, Jr, (phone in), Mayor Mary Puznowski, Alvin Montana, Jr, (NYWEA), Steve Elwood, Fred Caulfield, John Piseck, Jr, (Herkimer County IDA), Raymond Apy, Northeastern Biochar, Tom Seguljk, HRP Associates

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Puznowski at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Raymond Apy came forward with a presentation of the Dolgeville Organics Project. This project was designed to help solve New York's Biosolids crisis. The organic waste upcycling and carbon fertilizer manufacturing facility is proposed to be built in the Manheim Industrial Park on 38 acres. It will take solids and process them into a carbon based product which can then be used as a fertilizer for plants, indoor and outdoor, lawns, landscaping and horticulture. It will take up to 250 tons per day of biosolids and produce 25 tons per day of Biochar carbon fertilizer. A maximum of 20 trucks per day in and out, Monday through Saturday, 7 am to 6 pm with no Sunday or holiday deliveries is expected. Process operations will be 24x7 with one to two weeks annually maintenance downtime.

Raymond provided site plans indicating placement of the buildings. A variance may be needed for the peak of the building which is 50 feet. The variance request will need to be reviewed by the ZBA.

Cordell Wattlely, Jr. questioned the odor control problem experienced by other facilities of this kind. The process for this facility is different. The end process has carbon filters to remove the odors so there should be no issues.

Marcus Andrew from Stewart's Shop came forward with plans for the new shop. Stewart's has purchased the neighboring property and a portion of the back yard of the house behind the current shop. Will the Planning Board or the Village Board need to approve the subdivision? Steve will be checking into this and advise. It will need to be sent to the County for approval.

A motion was made by Chris Reynolds to send the site plan to the ZBA and seconded by Donna DeLucco. Ayes all.

Jenny Armstrong's resignation from the board was approved. A motion was made by Chris Reynolds to nominate Craig Eggleston to the Board and seconded by Paul Puznowski. Ayes all.

A motion was made by Paul Puznowski to nominate Chris Reynolds as secretary of the Planning Board. Seconded by Jenny Armstrong. Ayes all.

Paul Puznowski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm and was seconded by Chris Reynolds. Ayes all.