

A workshop of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on May 26, 2015 in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York, for the purpose of hearing a Micro Grid Plan presentation by Booz, Allen, Hamilton

Supervisor Jenkins called the workshop to order at 6:10 p.m.

### **Town Board Members Present**

Bob Prendergast            Councilman [arrived at 6:15pm]  
Robert J. Vittengl, Jr.    Councilman  
Preston L. Jenkins, Jr.    Supervisor

### **Town Board Members Absent**

Todd Kusnierz            Councilman  
Gina LeClair              Councilwoman

**Also Present:** Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Rudy Klick, Special Project Aide; Sara Miller, Booz/Allen/Hamilton and Jason Valenstein, Booz/Allen/Hamilton

Supervisor Jenkins welcomed everyone to the workshop.

Jason Valenstein gave a presentation to the Town Board explaining that the Town won the award from NYSERDA for the feasibility study for the Micro Grid. There were fourteen awards given in total. The study will take about six to eight months to complete. They will be looking for data driven analysis to see what makes sense and who should be in it and what does the business model look like. They need to find out who wants to be a part of Micro Grid. What makes Moreau significant is the tremendous surplus of electrons.

The proposal went to NYSERDA with an inventory of opportunities. Although they don't know what the Micro Grid will look like, they do know that there's potential. They have an inventory of stakeholders from the proposal. The next step is making sure that the inventory is right. There may be people that haven't been approached before. They're going to look and make sure everyone is in there and they need to characterize who these people are. There are three types of stakeholders. The facilities that are going to be using the electrons, facilities that will be supplying the electrons and third party assets (Champions), people not involved yet.

The initial phase is the data capture phase. They'll approach people with the fewest amount of questions possible and explaining the value proposition. Not everyone will be in it. There will be different types of players. Some that want in and others that may find it too expensive.

The kick-off meeting will be in two days. The NYSERDA program manager will be there and will set expectations from the stakeholders in the group. NYSERDA will review the feasibility study which should wrap up in December. They need to make sure they have the right inventory of stakeholders, they need to make sure they capture the data properly, and they need make sure they analyze and communicate the findings to the stakeholders and then create the capital design. There will be a lot of analysis to come up with a business model which is 60% of the study. They're looking for people that see value in the plan and want to participate.

Councilman Prendergast asked Jason if he is leading the study. There are chapters to the study and Booz/Allen/Hamilton makes up the data. This is a community organizing event.

Councilman Prendergast asked if the plan would go outside of Moreau at all. The reply was that, it's not what was presented to NYSERDA but can be looked into as the study goes on. Councilman Prendergast would be in favor of that, if it were to benefit the Town.

Supervisor Jenkins asked if the Solar City project will be included in the Micro Grid. Jason replied that if this project is done right, they'll understand what the solar can do. NYSERDA wants to use their money to stimulate more people to do other things. Councilman Vittengl stated that there are solar gardens that can tie into the Micro Grid.

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Supervisor Jenkins stated that it was impressive that the Town got the grant so fast after the meeting in February. He stated that the toughest issue is, where the money will come from. Jason replied that it is a tough issue but that the money will come from the people who find the plan the most valuable. Supervisor Jenkins stated that most everyone will want a return on their investment but wondered how this will impact the residents. Jason replied that this was addressed in the proposal. The biggest concern right now is with the Public Service Commission. The plan has to be inclusive of lower income and has to be good for everyone. The plan will have to ensure that it is equitable for all customers and the Grid has to show sensitivity to it.

The kick-off meeting will be held Thursday night, May 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Jason gave a preview of the guest list and those who will be attending. Jason introduced Sara Miller who is the project lead. She gave a brief overview of her credentials.

Supervisor Jenkins thanked both Jason and Sara for their presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann McCabe  
Town Clerk