

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH ENERGY COOPERATIVE OF AMERICA (ECA) TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES (RECs) TO SUPPLY ELECTRICITY NEEDS FOR TOWN OF DRYDEN MUNICIPAL FACILITIES THAT EXCEED WHAT IS PROVIDED BY THE TOWN'S SOLAR PV INSTALLATIONS

WHEREAS, the Town of Dryden has a long history of leadership in promoting sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction; and

WHEREAS, purchasing Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for municipal operations reduces the Town's dependency on fossil fuels that contribute to GHG emissions and climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Town's solar installations do not supply the full amount of electric needs for Town Hall, DPW office, Highway Barn, and other facilities, leaving approximately 300 megawatt hours (MWh) to be purchased annually; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy Development and Research Authority (NYSERDA) has provided local municipalities with incentives to purchase RECs in order to meet GHG emission reduction targets in the state's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA); and

WHEREAS, Dryden's Climate Smart/Clean Energy Community Task Force has done extensive research to identify options to supply the electricity needs of Dryden's municipal facilities from renewable sources and to purchase RECs; and

WHEREAS, purchase of RECs for 100% of the Town Hall electricity purchases would make the building Net Zero in carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Town issued a request for proposals to state energy service providers for provision of New York State-sourced RECs; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Cooperative of America (ECA) proposal includes electric supply based on the standard mix of electric generation, similar in cost and content to the town's current supplier (Constellation Energy); and

WHEREAS, ECA has offered both a fixed and variable rate for providing electric supply; and

WHEREAS, ECA can also provide RECs that meet NYSERDA requirements at a cost of \$15 each and that serve as the currency for supporting renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Smart/Clean Energy Community Task Force voted unanimously on Feb. 1, 2022 to recommend that the Town Board accept the ECA variable rate proposal for electric supply and fixed rate proposal for RECs; and

WHEREAS, the Town board budgeted for the increased costs of purchasing RECs, estimated at \$4500 per year, in the 2022 budget; and

WHEREAS, the action to purchase RECs for 100% of municipal facility electric purchases brings 500 points in the NYS Clean Energy Community Leadership Program, qualifies the Town for a \$10,000 grant for more Clean Energy Actions, and puts Dryden at the number one position in CEC actions in the Southern Tier region; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dryden Town Board approves the contract with Energy Cooperative of America (ECA) to provide electric supply at the variable rate, to supply the town's electricity needs that are not met by its solar installations, along with Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for 100% of the supply.