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Pendleton Town Board

Greetings,

Tentative Roll Day of May 1<sup>st</sup> is a few weeks away and I am working on getting all the sales in, the value changes entered, inventory loaded, The New Bliss sub-division tax parcels created. The usual crunch of items that happen at this time of year. That is why I am in and out of this evening's meeting. The assessors version of Christmas rush.

ORPTS, The State Division responsible for overseeing every municipalities assessing departments has issued an announcement about taking the valuation of solar farms away from the local offices and centralizing everything within their own State headquarters. I think this is a great idea because solar farms are small scale power generating components, a utility so to say. ORPTS values telephone poles, communication wires, power lines, substations and the ancillary buildings used by utilities already, so this would be a related discipline for them.

The County RPS & NYS ORPTS are still in lockdown mode where phone calls and emails are the only means of contact because site visits are not allowed.

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