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Tama County landowner and Sergeant Bluff resident Terry Kucera speaks during the Tuesday, May 9 public hearing on utility scale solar energy in Toledo. Tama County supervisors Curt Hilmer, Bill Faircloth, and Dan Anderson are visible in the background.

Solar lines drawn

Tama Co. residents, TED Renewables address draft ordinance at public hearing

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TOLEDO — Utility scale solar energy and whether such systems should take root in Tama County was the topic of discussion during a subdued 90-minute public hearing held Wednesday evening in Toledo by the Tama County Board of Supervisors.

Just after 6 p.m., Supervisor Bill Faircloth stepped up to the microphone in the Reinig Center conference room to briefly provide a rundown of how the public hearing would proceed — registered speakers would be allowed no more than three minutes and board members would not be responding to questions during the hearing.

Twenty-eight individuals — mostly from Tama County — then made their way one by one to the microphone to speak as their names were called by assistant auditor

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Hinson visits Meskwaki Settlement Schools as part of annual district tour

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Republican Congresswoman Ashley Hinson's district county tour found its way to Tama on Monday morning when she met with students and administration at the Meskwaki Settlement Schools.

As the only federally recognized Native American tribe in Iowa, Hinson indicated Monday's visit was primarily a fact finding mission for the two term representative to see how the settlement educates their community, and she drew special attention to recently implemented programs like a locally-grown produce initiative and the integration

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Board of Adjustment approves Vienna wind farm repowering

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The Tama County Board of Adjustment met last Wednesday, May 3, to discuss the repowering of the Vienna wind farm located near Gladbrook. Only three of the five members were present for the meeting.

The Vienna wind farm has been operating for nearly 10 years with 20 turbines sitting on the Tama County side of the line, and another 44 located on the Marshall County side.

Sara Houlihan, senior project developer with Mid-American Energy, spoke first about the three variances wanted for the project, stating that over 1,200 turbines in Iowa have been repowered so far.

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WEEKEND FORECAST:

Saturday: CHANCE OF STORMS

High: 78 / Low: 61

Sunday: PARTLY SUNNY

High: 72 / Low: 59



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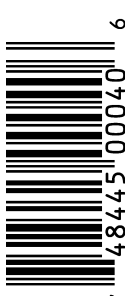
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Tama Paperboard, pictured, will officially close in June after over 100 years in business.

Tama Paperboard set to close June 2

Move announced by parent company Graphic Packaging International

JONATHAN MEYER and
ROBERT MAHARRY
NEWS CHRONICLE

One of the oldest and most well-known businesses in Tama will be permanently closing its doors in June.

After speculation had run rampant for months, it was officially announced that Tama Paperboard will shut down June 2, affecting 85 employees according to Iowa Workforce Development's Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) system.

The mill, which is currently owned by Graphic Packaging International, has been in operation for over a century and specializes in manufacturing recycled paperboard for consumer products and the food and beverage industries.

During a recent earnings call with investors, GPI President/CEO Michael Doss discussed the closure and called Tama one of the company's "higher cost



A close-up of the water tower at Tama Paperboard, which will be closing its doors on June 2.

mills."

"Due to the better than expected production from K2 (technology), we have decided to close our CRP mill in Tama, Iowa, during the second quarter, earlier than we had previously anticipated," he said. "Among our recycled paperboard

mills, Tama has the smallest capacity and the highest cash production cost per ton. This closure advances our strategy to simplify our paperboard network while strategically expanding capacity and lowering cost."

Mayor Doug Ray, a retired employee of the mill

himself who spent 46 years with Tama Paperboard, issued a statement on behalf of the city.

"The unexpected news of the closure of the Tama Paper Mill is disappointing news to our community. At

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Peaceful protest against former officer held on courthouse lawn

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Anyone who drove past the Tama County Courthouse this past Saturday afternoon most likely saw a group of people holding signs. This was a protest for the victims of former Toledo Police Officer Kyle Howe.

Bill Horrigan was the organizer behind the event on May 6, wearing a shirt that displayed across his shoulders the words 'Justice for Dad.' This is because Bill is the son of Stephen Horrigan, a 72-year-old man that had a run-in with Mr. Howe back in March. Body cam footage, which is available on the Tama-Toledo News Chronicle's YouTube page, showed Stephen Horrigan shoved onto the payment and berated by the former officer during a traffic stop. Stephen Horrigan was charged with three separate counts in this incident that have all been dismissed.

At this time, Stephen Horrigan has not filed any



PHOTO BY MICHAEL D. DAVIS

Nevaeh Jefferson, the daughter of Amber Jefferson, who had a run-in with former Toledo Police Sgt. Kyle Howe captured in one of the body cam videos released by the city, holds a homemade sign during Saturday's protest.

lawsuit against the city, nor has Stephen Horrigan made an official complaint with the Toledo Police Department. An official complaint is something that has to be notarized according to the Iowa code for an official inquiry to be done. The city urges anyone who has an issue with a police officer to go to the police

station and fill out a complaint form.

"I just want it to be known that that Officer does not deserve to wear a badge ever," Bill Horrigan said at the protest.

With the main goal of getting the word out about Kyle Howe and what happened to his father, Bill put together the protest to

make a statement. Hopes were that more people would have attended the event, but it was thought that the threat of inclement weather kept many away.

"When I saw that video, I was very, very disturbed," Bill said.

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