

A Public Hearing and Special meeting of the Town Board were advertised and held April 25, 2007 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall. Town Board members present were Hynes, Cronk, Raeder and Thorington. Councilman Hinkley was absent. Also present was Atty. Kevin Young and 42 residents.

Peg Ellsworth, Community Resource Director, requested that, in order to protect the Town's historic interests, the Board form a historic preservation committee to review buildings located in the hamlet designated historic district of the Town and requested that they meet with a State Historian to discuss the matter.

Supv. Hynes requested a moment of silence for the slain and injured troopers and their families who were involved in the Margaretville tragedy earlier today.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:35 pm. The notice was read calling for the hearing on proposed changes to the cell tower and wind tower local laws. Supv. Hynes stated that only comments would be heard that pertained to the proposed changes.

Atty. Kevin Young discussed the proposed changes and further discussed Gov. Spitzer's proposed energy law that would include the formation of a sitting committee to deal with wind towers.

Laszlo Vajtay and Ray Busch stated being opposed to the proposed local law changes to the wind tower law. Dale Trethaway stated being in favor of the proposed changes to the wind tower law. Several other residents commented on the wind tower law. (see attached) No comments were made favoring or opposing the proposed cell tower changes. With no other comments being made, the hearing adjourned at 8:14 pm.

The Special Meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm. All Board members were in attendance.

Assessor, Kim Cammer discussed low EQ Rate issues and offered a proposal of Mark Los to undertake a data collection project at a cost of \$30,000. Michael Sabansky, Delaware County ORPS and Mr. Los were present to discuss the project which will take approximately one year to complete.

Kathleen Griswold questioned if the wind towers will be assessed and will they affect other property assessments. Atty. Young responded that an agreement would be reached with the wind tower company for a payment in lieu of tax which would further help the total tax base for the town, and also stated that there are no wind towers yet and therefore no sales to reflect property values.

A draft local law regulating outdoor wood burning devices was distributed to the Town Board for review.

Atty. Young discussed Hubbell Corners approval by NYC DEP for sewage hookup, however, it is not expected for a few years.

Atty. Young discussed sewer hookup to the Shepard Hills Golf Clubhouse. The building is outside of the District and hookup must be approved by NYCDEP who is requesting to know the current septic problems.

A resolution was offered by Allen Hinkley, second by Gene Cronk, stating:

“The Town Board approves the use of Good Neighbor Funds in the amount of \$24,000 to purchase an 8X8 Avenger Rescue Vehicle for use by the Town Constable, and other local police and fire depts.. Said monies shall be reimbursed to Good Neighbor Fund upon receipt of an approved Sen. Bonacic grant and monies from Grand Gorge Fire Dist. The use of funds is contingent upon approval by NYC DEP.” Unanimous.

Supv. Hynes expressed concerns with area volunteer firemen being included on the Town’s Excess Liability Insurance for Worker’s Comp. Atty. Kevin discussed the coverage and stated that he does not see a problem with covering the firemen.

Letters opposing wind towers were received from John Dias, Joseph, Jessica and Crystal Latorraca, Charles and Nancy Salvaggione, and 8 residents of Cty. Hwy. 41, Lake St., and State Hwy. 30. The letters were distributed to Board members and added to Town records.

On motion of Edward Raeder, second by Allen Hinkley, two Special Meetings were scheduled to be held May 7 at 7:00 pm to discuss the public hearing comments and data collection proposal, and May 16 at 5:00 pm to discuss formation of an historic preservation committee. Said meetings shall be held at the Town Hall and will also allow any other business that may come before the Board. Unanimous.

On motion of Allen Hinkley, second by David Thorington, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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Diane Pickett, Town Clerk