

May 1, 2014

A Public Hearing was held Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. at the Magee Fire Department, 1807 St. Rt. 318, Tyre, NY for the purpose of hearing public comment on the adoption of Proposed Local Law #3 of the year 2014 which would amend the zoning Law to add a definition of "Planned Unit Development" to the list of type of district in the Town, and amend the Zoning Map to allow a Planned Unit Development District for the Wilmot Casino and Resort.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Supv. Ronald McGreevy-here, Councilmen Reginald Aceto-here, Joseph DelPapa-here, James Rogers-here and Thomas Thomson-here.

Others present: Town Attorney Charles Shaffer, Highway Supt. Cassius Shumway, PBM Lawrence Kesel, PB Chairman Robert Seem, Bookkeeper Nancy McGreevy, Bond, Schoeneck & King - Virginia Robbins, Esq., Stenographer Jennifer Ammerman, Barton & Loguidice - Adam Cummings.

Have had roll call - quorum present - Public Hearing opened at 7:35 P.M.

Karen Thomson - Cty. Road 105A-N - if a license is not issued for the casino, what would the town need to do if there was another use for the property.

Lynn Barbuto - Chase Road - Read a letter from Daniel Schwartz opposing a casino.

Cathy Davis - 1390 Middle Black Brook Road - against zoning change and casino.

Desiree Dawley - Chase Road - Opposed to adding PUD Zoning and PUD District at same time, spoke of number of people against casino, keep casino and commercial out of agriculture.

Sandra Picchi - Black Brook Road - questioned the considering of Local Law #3 when issue in litigation.

James Nearpass - 1987 Chase Road - Spoke of protection of natural resources and farmland. Traffic safety and moving farm implements.

James Dawley - Chase Road - Quoted law on gaming regarding zoning laws.

Christine Fitch - Liverpool - spoke of process used in Syracuse, suggested town board vote against casino.

Richard Worden - Middle Black Brook Road - Comprehensive Plan versus PUD.

Public Hearing - Closed

Councilman Thomson moved, seconded by Councilman DelPapa and carried, that the Public Hearing be closed at 8:15 P.M. Vote: Aye-4, Nay-0, Absent-0.

Special Meeting

Supv. McGreevy opened the Special Meeting of the Town Board at 8:17 P.M.

Nelson Acquilano - Executive Director - Council on Alcoholism and Addictions of the Finger Lakes - spoke of alcoholism, gambling and crime.

Les Bernal - Stop Predatory Gambling Foundation - provided information on the problems of gambling.

Carmina Russo - Seneca Falls - Spoke of the need for the casino and hotels in the area to promote tourism.

Nancy Bush - property owner East Tyre Road - urged the Town Board to vote in favor of Whitetail 414, LLC to lower taxes in the town and provide employment. Secrecy in Liverpool due to their own Town Board.

Tina McDonald - St. Rt. 89 - Spoke of results of survey. Casino project complies with the Comprehensive Plan. Don't let fear pass us by.

Department Reports

The departments didn't have anything to report at this time.

SEQRA

In regard to the SEQRA lead agency coordination request letters pertaining to the Wilmot Casino and Resort Project, the Town received a response from the Seneca County Dept. of Health, Seneca County Industrial Development Agency and the Village of Waterloo. These agencies consented to the Town Board being lead agency without further comment and the Thruway Authority, Dept. of Transportation and Dept. of Environmental Conservation also consented to the Town being lead agency with comment.

Adam Cummings - Barton & Loguidice, and Virginia Robbins - Bond, Schoeneck & King, reviewed the comments received and Mr. Cummings provided his analysis regarding each comment.

No response was received from the Town of Seneca Falls and Ms. Robbins is following up.

Casino Information

Whitetail 414, LLC is conferring with the property owner regarding the relocation of the burial site on the project land.

The cutting of the timber will not have an impact on the casino project.

Traffic Control

Gravel Road/Rt. 318 and Whiskey Hill Road/Rt. 318 intersections - accidents are high but would not cause a change to be made in traffic control.

Kent Gardner - Center Government Research - spoke of the spinoff for more businesses in the community, increase in property value, farmland would be as valuable, and residential - not much of an impact if a casino is located in the town.

Meeting

Councilman Thomson moved, seconded by Councilman Aceto, that a Town Board meeting be held Thursday, May 22, 2014 at the Band Hall Bldg., 616 Lamb Road, Tyre, NY at 7:30 P.M. solely for the purpose of conducting the Annual Review of town books. This resolution was adopted with the following vote: Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-0.

Adjournment

Councilman Aceto moved, seconded by Councilman Thomson, and carried, that the meeting adjourn at 9:40 P.M. Vote: Aye-4, Nay-0, Absent-0.

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Sutterby
Town Clerk