

At 7:15 p.m. Supervisor Lester called to order a public hearing at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on November 9, 2004. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons interested in the subject of proposed amendments to Section 175-25 Signs in the Sweden Town Code.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Buddy Lester, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors, and Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook. Also present were Director of Finance Leisa Strabel, Building Inspector Bill Weber, Superintendent of Highways Fred Perrine, Receiver of Taxes Karen Sweeting and Kathleen Roberts. Councilperson Tom Ferris was excused.

Visitors present were Frank and Julie Lapinski from 4016 Sweden Walker Road, Lauren McCracken from White Road, Jim Hamlin from 50 Park Avenue, and students from SUNY Brockport Andrea L. Zaccaria and Adam Young.

Supervisor Lester called the public hearing to order. Mr. Lester designated Karen M. Sweeting to take the official minutes of the Public Hearing. Mrs. Sweeting read the legal notice of the hearing.

Bill Weber, Building Inspector for the Town of Sweden, briefly explained the changes that were being made to the Sign Code.

Lauren McCracken expressed the need for his signs in areas other than his residence. Mr. Weber stated that these changes were only a few of many that were being looked into. Mr. Lester added the need for standard laws that offered equal protection for businesses.

Frank Lapinski questioned the code relative to political signs, limits on number of signs and time in which to remove. Mr. Lester stated that political signs fell under the Freedom of Speech Law. The Town requires all political signs to be removed within thirty (30) days.

Julie Lapinski questioned the time frame to remove signs from a business that is no longer operating. Bill Weber responded that normally the sign would come down when the business went out.

Councilperson Windus-Cook complimented Bill Weber on his work regarding the sign amendments.

There being no further comments, Supervisor Lester closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting