

At 7:15 p.m. Supervisor Milner called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on November 23, 2010. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons for or against the adoption of a proposed local law amending Chapter 84 relative to dog licensing, identification and control of the Sweden Town Code.

Town Board members present were Supervisor John H. Milner, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors and Councilperson Michael Myers. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Dog Control Officer Kathy Beaumont, Town Clerk Karen M. Sweeting and Deputy Town Clerk Kathleen Roberts.

Visitors present were residents Tim Janczak, Jim Hamlin, Pat Pawlaczyk, Cathy Bott Armer, Patrick McAuliffe, Sr., Patrick McAuliffe, Jr. and Kristina Gabalski from the Suburban News.

Supervisor Milner asked Town Clerk Karen Sweeting to read the legal notice published in the Town newspaper. Notice was read.

Supervisor Milner asked if there were any comments.

Resident Pat Pawlaczyk was happy to see that “choke collar” had been removed from the law and made several suggestions to the board:

- *provide dog owners with a copy of the law
- *add warning language within the law so that residents are given warnings of violations before a ticket is issued
- *define “nuisance” and clarify time limitations for barking dogs
- *add “harness” because several dog owners utilize a harness instead of a collar
- *add other pets to the law

Resident Charilla Conner submitted written comments relative to the noise restriction.

Dog Control Officer Kathy Beaumont explained to the board how she currently handles resident complaints and stated that she encourages residents to deal with each other before a formal complaint is signed.

No other comments were made. The public hearing was closed at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk