

At 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Lester called to order a joint public hearing with the Village of Brockport located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on May 3, 2005. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons interested in the adoption of amendments to the Town of Sweden Village of Brockport Comprehensive Plan Update 2002.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Buddy Lester, Councilperson Patricia Connors, Councilperson Tom Ferris and Councilperson Windus-Cook. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Building Inspector Bill Weber and Comprehensive Plan Review Committee member Ken Reid. Councilperson Rob Carges arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Visitors present were Beverly and Francis McKinney from 16796 Fourth Section Road, Fred and Donna Parker from 8399 West Canal Road, Frank and Julie Lapinski from 4016 Sweden Walker Road, Hannelore Heyen from 142 Frazier Street, Leslie and Doug Bull from 595 Holley Street, George Mann from 176 Gary Drive, Louis and Sam Lustumbo from 4475 Sweden Walker Road, Joan Peters from 4805 Redman Road, Jerry and Marge Werner from 6949 Fourth Section Road, Sandi and James Ford from 4785 Redman Road, Cheryl and Terry Cooley from 8023 West Canal Road, Jim Hastings from 113 Adams Street, Ena Farley from 6865 Fourth Section Road, Harley Perry from 14 Meadowview Drive, Sandra Cain from 8045 West Canal Road, Gary Skoog from 6142 Lake Road South, Ross Cooley from 8023 West Canal Road, Mike and Nance Montfort from 8055 West Canal Road, Alden Snell from 4555 Redman Road, Victoria Bochorski from 8227 West Canal Road, Shamra and Robert Westbrook from 330 Capen Road, Diana Kruger from 36 Cherry Drive, David Hawke from 8545 West Canal Road, Margaret Hale from 26 Meadowview Drive, and Elliotte Bowerman from the Brockport Post. Eric Johnson from 8121 West Canal Road was present but did not sign in.

Written statements were submitted by Margaret Hale from 26 Meadowview Drive, Nancy Montfort from 8055 West Canal Road, a copy of a letter written to Karen Leidig from 938 Lake Road West Fork, Hamlin, New York from the Monroe County Sheriff, and signed petitions from the Residents and Concerned Citizens of the Town of Sweden with 105 signatures consisting of fourteen (14) pages. The submissions were accepted by the Town Board and will be placed as attachments for permanent record. Leslie Bull had submitted a written statement at the beginning of the public hearing, but withdrew the statement at the end because two visitors told her that her assessment would be raised if she voiced her objections.

Supervisor Lester asked everyone present to say the Pledge to the Flag. Finance Director Leisa Strabel read the legal notice calling the public hearing.

Supervisor Lester then directed the floor to Mayor Josephine Matela to introduce the members of the Village Board. Mayor Matela introduced Trustee Carrie Maziarz, Trustee Mort Wexler, Trustee Jim Whipple, and Trustee Norm Knapp. Supervisor Lester introduced the members of the Sweden Town Board and mentioned that Councilperson Carges would be arriving shortly due to another obligation.

Supervisor Lester introduced Councilperson Connors as the Chairperson of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee. Councilperson Connors explained the reason for the public hearing; to listen to comments from the public regarding the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Connors thanked the committee members for all the hard work over the past year and a half. She reiterated that the public hearing was not about the rezoning of any parcel

of land, but the adoption of the amendments. The Comprehensive Plan simply recommends that the Redman Road area be considered for new uses in the future and any rezoning should be project specific. Councilperson Connors added that rezoning is a function of the Town Board. No application has been submitted regarding rezoning on Redman Road. A developer has expressed an interest in that property and as soon as an application is received, the Town will notify the public and hold a public hearing. Mrs. Connors pointed out that the current Town Board will not support a strip mall or box development on Redman Road and will judge any rezoning application based on the project as a whole and whether it will benefit the community as a whole.

Supervisor Lester then opened the floor to the public for comment.

Louis Lustumbo from 4475 Sweden Walker Road asked a question referring to page eleven (11). Councilperson Connors verified that he was referring to page 2-11. Mr. Lustumbo asked whether the property at Route 31 and Owens Road was recommended for a change in the future. Supervisor Lester told him that the land would remain industrial until such time that he, Mr. Lustumbo, submitted an application for rezoning.

Supervisor Lester informed the visitors that the public hearing was to place comments on the record, not open for debate.

Gary Skoog from 6142 Lake Road South referred to page 5-3. He recommends keeping the area at R-1 single family housing since there is parkland adjacent to it along with many other reasons mentioned at previous hearings. He volunteered his statement that was published in the Tri-County Advertiser to be submitted as part of the permanent record; he will provide a copy to the Town. Supervisor Lester accepted the written statement.

Eric Johnson from 8121 West Canal Road had a question pertaining to the verbage to include the protection of hardwoods; he did not see those changes in the copies provided. Councilperson Connors pointed out that "mature woods" was referred to in the update. Mr. Johnson thanked the committee and Town Board for their work relative to the public hearings. The previous public hearings represented strong opposition to any rezoning on Redman Road. Mr. Johnson wanted to make sure that the members not present at those hearings realize the numbers that attended and did not recall anyone speaking in favor of the change and he also did not notice the owners of the properties appearing at any of the hearings to speak in defense of the proposed changes.

Mrs. George Peters from 4805 Redman Road spoke at the last public hearing and reiterated her comments. She does not want Redman Road rezoned commercial.

Cheryl Cooley from 8023 West Canal Road wanted to make three points. Safety of the road – statistics show over a ten (10) year period there were over 140 accidents on Redman Road in that area. Presented the petitions signed by 100 residents opposed to commercial development on Redman Road. Supervisor Lester accepted the petitions and statistics relative to road safety for the record. Mrs. Cooley mentioned that her viewpoint, as well as her husband's viewpoint, has been publicized in the newspaper and that some things were changed in the newspaper print, but suggested the board go back to the documents submitted to see the differences.

Alden Snell from 4555 Redman Road submitted a written statement before this meeting. Extended his appreciation to Councilperson Connors for her statements at the beginning of the hearing. He hopes to attend future meetings.

Supervisor Lester asked if anyone else would like to place a comment on the record.

Sandra Cain from 8045 West Canal Road does not wish for the zoning to be changed in any way.

Supervisor Lester asked again if anyone had additional or new comments to be placed on the record. There were none. Mr. Lester thanked the visitors for attending the meeting. He informed the visitors that if any rezoning applications were submitted that it would be publicized. He agreed that many comments submitted to newspapers are not always accurate and welcomed the public to contact any of the elected officials for information.

Mayor Matela invited the visitors to contact the Village with any questions relative to the matter. They are interested in hearing comments.

Councilperson Ferris made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Connors to close the public hearing at 7:20 pm. All voted in favor of the motion – ten ayes. Motion adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leisa Strabel
Finance Director