

At 7:15 p.m. Supervisor Lester called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on May 10, 2005. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons for or against the adoption of Local Law 1 of 2005 – Amendments to the Sweden Town Dog Ordinance – Dangerous Dog.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Buddy Lester, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors, Councilperson Tom Ferris and Councilperson Windus-Cook. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Building Inspector Bill Weber, Town Clerk Karen Sweeting, and Dog Control Officer Kathy Beaumont.

Visitors present were George Lloyd from Redman Road, Jim Hamlin from 50 Park Avenue, and Carrie Maziarz from 42 Adams Street. Dolores and Fred Corell from Colby Street, Julie Lapinski from 4016 Sweden Walker Road, Don Shetler from West Sweden Road, and Curt Conklin from 1215 West Sweden Road were present but did not sign in.

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

Supervisor Lester then directed the floor to Dog Control Officer Kathy Beaumont. Mrs. Beaumont stated that the recommendation came from the need to have a control in place that would allow her to issue tickets to owners of dogs that attacked other dogs and cats. The state has some controls in place currently, but it would be more effective if there were controls by the local governments. Mrs. Beaumont has been working with the Town of Clarkson and they recently adopted amendments concerning “dangerous dogs”. She is also working with the Village of Brockport with the same concern.

Supervisor Lester then opened the floor to the public for comment. He addressed visitor Carrie Maziarz from 42 Adams Street and asked if the Village of Brockport was looking to adopt a similar definition of dangerous dog. Carrie Maziarz stated they were moving toward the same and that any changes would be done with the other code changes they were currently working on. Supervisor Lester told the public that Kathy Beaumont was also the Dog Control Officer for both the Town of Clarkson and the Village of Brockport.

Supervisor Lester asked if anyone else would like to place a comment on the record. There were none. Mr. Lester thanked the visitors for attending the meeting. The public hearing was closed at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk