

At 7:00 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 2 of 2005 – Amendments to the Sweden Town Code, Section 175-25 Signs.

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, Dolores and Fred Corell from Colby Street, and Carrie Maziarz from 42 Adams Street. Don Shetler from West Sweden Road and Curt Conklin from 1215 West Sweden Road were present but did not sign in. Julie Lapinski from 4016 Sweden Walker Road arrived at 7:10 pm.

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 Building Inspector Bill Weber. Mr. Weber informed the visitors that the proposed amendments were modifications to the existing sign ordinance found in the Sweden Code; it involved some minor “housekeeping”. The amendments include language for political signs and recommendations from local farmers relative to signs for seasonal advertising. Supervisor Lester mentioned that signs for farmer’s selling their goods were previously not allowed, but the proposed amendments would allow the signs. Mr. Lester also stated that the Town’s Code is one of the more strict Codes in the County. The constituents seem to appreciate the limits and there is consistency for all businesses. Mr. Weber recommended an amendment to the current printed proposed amendments. Under Section (D)(i) the addition of “and any trailers”. This would affect businesses that use trailers to hold signs. The trailer takes up parking spaces that are required by the Planning Board for each business. A motion for the amendment would be made at the regular meeting to adopt the Local Law.

Supervisor Lester then opened the floor to the public for comment. Curt Conklin from 1215 West Sweden Road stated that under Section B, there was some confusion between (B)(2) and (B)(5). Mr. Weber clarified that (b)(5) was added for seasonal farms, section (2) dealt with on-site signs and (5) dealt with off-site signs. Councilperson Ferris asked how the Town would deal with on-premises situations. Mr. Weber suggested an amendment to add the words “on premises” to Section (B)(2). George Lloyd from Redman Road had some concerns regarding home occupation signs. Mr. Weber stated that there were certain amendments that dealt with that issue.

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 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk