

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 August 22, 2006. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons for or against the adoption of Local Law 3 of 2006 – Codification of the Sweden Town Code.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Buddy Lester, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors, Councilperson Tom Ferris and Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Town Clerk Karen Sweeting, and Town Attorney Jim Bell.

Visitors present were Tim Bates, Rebecca Donohue and Bill Andrews.

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

Supervisor Lester asked Town Attorney Jim Bell to give an overview of the codification of the Town Code. Mr. Bell stated that an update to the code was necessary; it had not been done since 1990. There were many areas that needed to be changed. A great deal of time was spent reviewing the zoning portion of the code to try to conform it to community uses. Mr. Bell, along with Councilpersons Connors and Windus-Cook and Deputy Town Clerk Marleen Cain, spent several hours reviewing the code and received input from General Code Publishers. Mr. Bell feels that the Sweden Town Code is functional.

Supervisor Lester asked if anyone had any comments. Resident Rebecca Donohue asked about the process to find out about some particular item in the code, would you go to certain departments. Mr. Bell answered that it depends on the topic. Contact the Town Clerk for any question and you will be referred to the proper department. Mr. Bell stated that any resident could contact himself (Mr. Bell) for further discussion on any topic in the code. Councilperson Carges added that the Town Board has made every effort to solve the conflicts and contradictions in the chapters of the code; the code has been a working document for years. Councilperson Windus-Cook added that the former Building Inspector Bill Weber reviewed the zoning chapter piece by piece. Councilperson Ferris added that Mr. Weber presented the idea to the Board to review certain sections of the code for discrepancies and updates.

Supervisor Lester asked if anyone had any further comments. No one spoke. The public hearing was closed at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk