

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 October 13, 2009. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons for or against the adoption of a moratorium, not to exceed nine (9) months, on the construction of wind towers/turbines/spires in the Town of Sweden.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor John Milner, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors, Councilperson Mike Myers and Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Town Clerk Karen M. Sweeting, Highway Superintendent Fred Perrine and Town Attorney Jim Bell.

Visitors present were Orlando Benzan, Annie Crane, Tim Bates, Rebecca Donohue, Cora Schrader, Vesta Teeter, Pat Kutz, Joan Hamlin, Caurie Putnam, Ed Spade, Rick Popen and Mary Ann Thorpe.

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

Supervisor Milner asked if anyone had any comments.

Resident Rebecca Donohue asked if the Town Board intends to regulate all wind towers or just the large ones. Finance Director Leisa Strabel stated the wording for the moratorium includes all sizes. Ms. Donohue added that she would like to see provisions made for the removal of such wind towers when residents or businesses leave the area, there is a history of abandonment in other areas. Mrs. Strabel stated that the town has regulations for the removal of cell towers and that wording could be considered for wind towers as well.

Resident Pat Kutz asked if there were any provisions within the current code for wind towers. Mrs. Strabel indicated the height restriction of 36 feet as the only provision. No structure can be constructed above 36 feet without a variance.

Resident Orlando Benzan asked what the board hopes to accomplish within the moratorium's time frame of nine (9) months. Supervisor Milner stated that the board intends to research, investigate and contact neighboring towns to see what is appropriate for the Town Board to consider.

Resident Tim Bates stated that he recently constructed a wind tower of just over 35 feet. The tower is self-regulating and quiet. Mr. Bates shared some of his research with the Town Board.

Supervisor Milner asked if anyone else would like to place a comment on the record. There were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk