

Town of Westville
Public Hearing (#1) Minutes

July 11, 2016

I. Call to order

Rodrique Lauzon, Town Supervisor called to order the Public Hearing at the Westville Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on July 11, 2016 of the Westville Town Board.

II. Roll call

PRESENT: Councilman Mike Armstrong
Councilman Robert Reynolds
Deputy Supervisor, Dean Fleury
Highway Superintendent, Kevin Nichols
Supervisor Rodrique Lauzon
Code Officer Robert Crossman

ABSENT: Councilman Vince Cartier and Dog Control Officer Kim Lapage

ALSO PRESENT: Sharon Lawrence, Gerald Lawrence, Ed Strong, Kathy Nichols and Edwin Andrew

III. Public Hearing

Supervisor Lauzon addressed the Board and read through Local Law #1 of 2016 (a/k/a Garage Sale Law) with respect to Garage Sales.

Supervisor Lauzon opened a question period for the public to comment.

Ed Andrew: Will there be a maximum/minimum amount of fines? And will the fines be set by the Code Officer.

Code Officer: It will be set at the discretion of the Justice.

Sharon Lawrence: If a person makes things and they want to sell them on their lawn, would this be the same thing?

Rod Lauzon: That person would have to purchase a business license or pick them up.

Gerald Lawrence: What about birdhouses, signs and more.

Code Officer: That would be up to the planning board.

Ed Strong: Will there be a grandfather clause?

Rod Lauzon: No grandfather clause.

Ed Strong: Will there be an education period or some sort of notice of enforcement? Or will people just be fined right away?

Code Officer: We would most likely have to put it in the paper.

Mike Armstrong: I would think we should have to give them a warning first.

Ed Andrew: I think New York State would require a 60-day education period, sort of a grace period. Otherwise we would be opening up an area for people to appeal the decision.

Rod Lauzon: We are asking them to clean up after having a garage sale and this would allow us to have a limit on the garage sales.

Gerald Lawrence: Are you going to go around or wait for people to complain?

Code Officer: I go if I see it and if people complain.

Rod Lauzon: We have received numerous complaints about the people on Route 37.

Code Officer: I think we should have a two day maximum for garage sales.

Ed Andrew: We need to determine a limit for the time period or come up with some sort of limit. Because people are going to put stuff out for two days, then bring it in and when does the time period start again? So if they put it one day, and bring it in at night, does that start their time all over again? Who will determine when the day started and ended? I can see a lot of appeals coming.

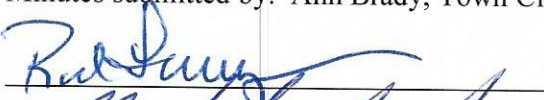

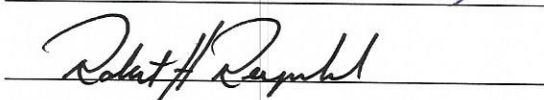
Mike Armstrong: We are at a Catch 22.

Rod Lauzon: The Association of Towns sent me the law they had written.

IV. Motion to Return to Regular Meeting

At 6:20 p.m. a Motion was made by Robert Reynolds to close the Public Hearing, and to move onto the second public hearing, the motion was seconded by Michael Armstrong. All in favor. Approved

Minutes submitted by: Ann Brady, Town Clerk

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