

MINUTES

Special Board of Trustees

Public Hearing

May 29, 2007

Due notice having been given, a Special Public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Board Room, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York at 5:00 P.M.

Present were Mayor Epley and Trustees Bates, Cannon, McGann, Robinson, and Village Attorney Rick DePetris.

The Mayor opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor commented that this was a special Public Hearing regarding a proposed enactment of *A Local Law Amending Chapter 2 Of The Village Code With Respect To Targeted Residential Picketing*". Mayor Epley then asked the Village Attorney to introduce the local law for public comment. The Village Attorney-Rick DePetris, elaborated and explained the background and reason for the proposed local law.

The Mayor then opened for Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Herb McKay, a representative from Montauk Save our Society representative, commented the he opposed the local law. Joan Fitzgerald, Willow St. was in agreement with the local law. Mackie Finnerty, 90 Willow St. commented against negative comments directed to Mayor Epley and his family. Bob Schepps, representing the Work Coalition, commented on the harassment of the Epley family. Sister Lavery representing the Hispanic Apostolic and the Work Coalition, commented that she applauded Mayor Epley for his efforts and supported him. Hatway Ernst, commented that he opposed the local law. Julia Duberman, 191 Bishop Lane commented in favor of the local law. Bruce Greir 499 Hill St. commented on his opposition of the local law. Janice Maranoff, 60 Elm St. commented that we all need to work on this problem and keep a level head. Elaine Kohl, Southampton

resident, commented that we need to come up with a better solution.

The Mayor asked if there was any additional Public Comment. There were none.

The Mayor made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee McGann seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Village Administrator suggested that the Board pass a resolution regarding SEQRA review. The Village Attorney suggested the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board finds and determines that the proposed Local Law will not have a significant effect on the environment.

On the motion of Mayor Epley and seconded by Trustee Cannon, the above resolution was unanimously approved.

The Mayor then made a motion to adopt this Local Law Amending Chapter 82 OF The Village Code With Respect To Targeted Residential Picketing, as Local Law # 7 of 2007. Trustee Cannon seconded the motion. The Village Administrator asked for discussion. Trustee Bates commented that he was opposed to the local law because he felt that it was going in the wrong direction. Trustee Robinson commented that the local law will also protect any other government official that comes into the Village. Trustee Cannon commented that she could not understand why anyone would oppose this local law, and that it was just wrong to have individuals picketing in front of the Mayor or any one else's house. The Mayor commented on the stress that the picketers brought to his family, and that no one in this Village should be harassed like at, he thanked everyone for there support. The Village Administrator then asked for a roll call vote. Roll call vote as follows: Trustee Bates, nay, Trustee Cannon, aye, Mayor Epley, aye, Trustee Robinson, aye, and Trustee McGann aye. The Local Law was approved.

The Mayor then made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Trustee McGann seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned 5:45 p.m.

James A. Van Nostrand
Village Administrator

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