

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
Gaines, NY February 16, 2010

PRESENT: Bill Lattin ----- Supervisor
 David Kast ----- Councilman
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 Jim Kirby ----- Councilman
 Lorraine Oakley ----- Councilperson
 Susan Smith ----- Councilperson
 Jean Klatt ----- Town Clerk
 Douglas Heath ----- Council

EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Carol Culhane, Tom Rivers

Supervisor Lattin called the meeting to order at 4:00PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

Discussion regarding the Town of Albion Newsletter that was printed in the February 15, 2010 edition of the Lake Country Pennysaver took place. It was decided that Supervisor Lattin and Superintendent Mannella would draft a letter informing the Town of Albion's Supervisor that the numbers she used for her study of highway cost were not correct.

Supervisor Lattin informed the board that Clifford Thom had once again approached him regarding doing a new comprehensive plan study with the Village and Town of Albion. Supervisor Lattin will seek the opinion of Tibbs Ahlberg, Planning Board Chairman and respond to Clifford Thom. The town board doesn't really feel this is necessary because nearly all of the Town of Gaines village property is developed.

Councilperson Smith informed the board regarding her research on the Intergrow expansion project. She spoke with a municipality in Buffalo who had a hydroponics plant that closed once the agricultural tax exemption expired. She is concerned about cleaning up the greenhouses should they ever be abandoned. Councilperson Oakley thinks we should consider requesting a bond if we can legally do so.

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Attorney Heath gave an update on the expansion projects progress. He said that the developer had scaled down the project from 40 acres to 18 acres. This decision was based on the possibility of Federal Wetlands being discovered at the rear of the property. A new application was submitted at the February Planning Board meeting. The developer asked for a type 2 SEQR and for the application to be sent to the County Planning in February. The request was denied to give the Town Engineer time to determine the SEQR requirements. The application will be reviewed at the March planning board meeting. Attorney Heath expressed that Chatfield Engineers has many environmental issue concerns such as traffic, water flow, and the burning of bio mass. It was decided that the research Councilperson Smith had done would be shared with Chatfield Engineers and the Planning Board.

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Carol Culhane brought up the fact that the present operations of Intergrow cast off their old plants at the rear of the property. They had tried to burn the massive pile last year but it only smoldered causing the neighborhood to be smoked out.

With no further business, on a motion from Councilperson Kast and seconded by Councilperson Oakley the meeting was adjourned at 5:13PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Klatt
Gaines Town Clerk