

**PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF  
THE TOWN OF MOHAWK**

MAY 12, 2011

Town of Mohawk

Richard A. Papa Office Building

2-4 Park St.

Fonda, NY 12068

A Public Hearing for the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance was called to order on May 12, 2011 at 7:00pm. Supervisor Rajkowski read the Public Notice.

Public to Speak:

Corey Nellis, Director of Mont. Co. Soil and Water Conservation District and also a town resident spoke on the definition of "Farm Operation" stating that NYS has its own definition and should be more clearly defined. Nellis also has concerns about minimum lot size and destruction of agricultural farm land; He also said that animal density should be looked at when making zoning changes and a measurement of 1,000 lbs. of live weight per 1.5 acres of land is a good point of reference.

Mike Palumbo, a Tribes Hill resident said that zoning rules should be more clearly defined. Regarding livestock, Palumbo added that the town should have more bite within their laws to aid in enforcement of violators.

Patrick Clear, a town resident and owner of Clearview Farms pointed out a couple of new zoning laws that should be readdressed.

Supervisor Rajkowski stated that there are a couple of areas within the new changes that will be brought back to the Planning Board for clarification. They will also be very busy working on Maintenance Laws, Outdoor Wood burners, Wind towers and Subdivisions The next Planning Board meeting will be on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

*A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Papa and seconded by Hoffman, motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly M. Sullivan  
Town Clerk

Town of Mohawk  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 pm

The regular monthly meeting was held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Richard A. Papa Office Building, 2-4 Park St. Fonda NY 12068.

Present: Supervisor Greg Rajkowski, Councilmen: Bette Papa, Nancy Collins, James Hoffman and Bruce Pavlus. Also present, William Holvig, Supt. of Highways, Sole Assessor Stella Gittle, Town Attorney Robert Kruger and Kimberly M. Sullivan, Town Clerk.

The meeting was opened with a flag salute.

*A motion to approve the minutes of the 04/14/2011 meeting was made by Hoffman and seconded by Collins. All present voting in favor, motion carried.*

No one from the public wished to speak.

Payments made prior to this meeting to avoid late payments: Total: \$1,990.45  
General A: \$1,679.03 Highway: \$311.42

The Money Market Account as of 04/30/2011: **\$898,872.82**

Report from the Highway Superintendent as follows:

1. Holvig reported that he has 2 Sickle Bar Mowers for sale along with a 1978 Tractor and a 1980 Tractor and misc. parts to go along with these pieces of machinery. The asking price would be \$17,000 for everything. Holvig will check to see if he can put these out for public inspection in the Village Fireman's Lot.
2. The highway dept. will be receiving \$56,385.53 CHIPS payment in June.
3. The Road Program was discussed in length. Holvig stated that much work needs to be done and we seem to be falling behind. Better we maintain the roads than have to re-build them. The Supervisor reminded the board that we cannot continue to take money from the fund balance. It was decided that Holvig would spend only the \$130,000 he had budgeted and work on the roads most in need.

Stella Gittle Sole Assessor reported that the Tentative roll is available for inspection and Grievance Day will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. She also stated that the town website

should have a link to the county website. She also noted that it is not too late for people to come in and talk to her if they're not happy with their assessment.

Jason Butler and Nina Kosiba; Board Members of the Tribes Hill Youth Commission were present to speak. They answered many questions that had been brought to their attention including:

Installation of a Basketball Court-Supervisor Rajkowski will ask Insurance Co. about additional coverage. No skateboarding will be allowed; no lights installed and will be monitored by local law enforcement. They also have spoken with many neighbors who have no objection. They will be relying on public help and possible donations from local contractors.

Planting a community garden-the board had questions with the liability of using motorized equipment (Rototiller). This will also be addressed with the Insurance Co.

Discussion was held on Dumpster Permit renewals. It was decided that the price would remain at \$175 per year; July 1<sup>st</sup>- June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Town Clerk, Kim Sullivan read a letter from Sara Boyd, Residential Manager of Liberty ARC home located at 157 Keller Drive in Fonda. She is concerned with the speed of vehicles on this road. Supervisor Rajkowski will go and meet with her to try and remedy the situation.

**Resolution #25 authorizing the Supervisor to issue an RFP for window replacements was made by a motion from Collins and seconded by Pavlus. All present voting in favor, motion passed**

**Resolution #26 authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2011 and 2012 Contract for the Control of Grass and Brush was made by a motion from Pavlus and seconded by Papa. All present voting in favor, motion passed.**

**Resolution #27 authorizing the Supervisor to move money from the 'A' Contingency Fund to the 'A' Central Communications fund was made by a motion from Papa and seconded by Hoffman. All present voting in favor, motion passed.**

**Resolution #28 to audit and order paid the monthly bills as follows: (Total) \$97,915.89**

**General A: \$1,499.52**

**Highway: \$91,269.14**

**General B: \$3,923.23**

**Street Lights: \$1,224.00**

**A motion was made by Papa and seconded by Hoffman. All present voting in favor, motion passed.**

There was no further business to discuss.

*A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation was made by Collins and seconded by Pavlus. All present voting in favor, motion carried.*

*A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Papa and seconded by Pavlus. All present voting in favor, motion carried.*

*A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting was made by Collins and seconded by Papa. All present voting in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly M. Sullivan  
Town Clerk