

REGULAR MEETING, MAY 04, 2005

A regular meeting of the Mayfield Town Board was held on Wednesday, May 04, 2005 at the Village Hall 13 North School Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Carol Hart.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Hart.

PRESENT

Carol Hart, Supervisor
Lois Montanye, Councilwoman
Walt Ryan, Councilman
Doug Hill, Councilman
Kathy Sieg, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Gerald Waltzer, Donna Waltzer, Glen Henry, Alicia Henry, Tom Toohey, Thomas Radigan, Tom Radigan, Sean Radigan, Betty Tabor, Kathy Lehr, Dona Haydon, John Haydon, June Torre, James Cownie, Ray Cichy, Peter Chupka, Al Schutz, Leslie Ackerknecht, Kurt Ackerknecht, Eldon Montanye, Todd Montanye, Jack Putman, Myrna Hallenbeck, Mona Strauss, Jon Close, Erin Bartlett, Bill Lawson, Paul Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Nancy Hampton, Harold Stoffolano, Linda DeRocker, Roger DeRocker, Kevin Rovito, Eileen Rovito, Fred Castiglione, Jacob Cichy, Steve Chupka, Tami Michalek, Dan Jackson, Patricia Peryea, Paul Peryea, John McDonough, David Agee, Stephen Hathaway, Roy Town, Richard Head, Doug Sieg, Michael Stewart, Patricia Washburn, Justine Davidson

RESOLUTION # 71 ACCEPT ZONING COMMISSION DOCUMENT

On motion by Councilman Hill and seconded by Councilwoman Sieg the following resolution was ADOPTED 5AYES (Hart, Montanye, Ryan, Hill, Sieg) 0 NAYS

WHEREAS, The Town Board established the Zoning Commission of the Town of Mayfield on June 29, 2002 for the purpose of preparing and proposing the Town of Mayfield's first zoning law.

WHEREAS, The Town Board desires to express its appreciation to the Zoning Commission for its dedication and hard work in preparing and proposing the Final Report which has been transmitted to the Town Board today,

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to commend the people of the Town of Mayfield for their participation with and valuable input to the Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board now desires to accept the Final Report of the Zoning Commission for proper review and consideration by the Town Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Mayfield that the Final Report of the Zoning Commission of the Town of Mayfield is hereby formally accepted for review and consideration by the Town Board.

Al Schutz from Gloversville Transit System made a presentation regarding a proposal to extend the route into the Town of Mayfield. He would contact the Board again at budget time.

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Kathy Lehr- 3087 St Hwy 30- stated that her assessment went up last year and now it has gone up again this year, hasn't done any improvements to her property. Feels that they are driving people out who just want to make an honest living. More things should be taken into consideration than just the purchase price for an assessment.

Kurt Ackerknecht- stated he owns a piece of land on the lake and has for over twenty five year and went to Grievance Day last year, then to arbitration and had his assessment lowered. He was told couldn't be reassessed for two years, now five months later he is being reassessed again, feels he is being singled out.

Harold Stoffolono- 149 Woodland Ave- questioned why they did this when last year was supposed to be at 100%. Stated that state law says the town must do all properties not a select few. Wasn't told that town went to a six year plan with the state. Stated his property assessment has gone up 210% in a two year period.

Patricia Peryea- 110 Ward Road- questioned what part of the town was being reassessed.

Glen Henry- Paradise Point Road- stated he feels that our local government needs to get after our state officials, since we have a republican dominated county board, feels people are trying to live beyond their means. Feels that our local government should either do their job or get out of the way and let someone else do the job.

Mona Strauss- Lakeside Drive- stated she lives on the lake and has received at least fourteen phone calls from neighbors on the new assessments. Didn't feel people were notified that this was going to happen again this year.

Tonie Close- Lakeside Drive- stated she wasn't sure if the board was aware of the attitude of the assessor to people. Has a very dear friend who had owned this home for many years received a new assessment was very upset and called the assessor to say she didn't know how she was going to pay her taxes. The assessor's response was to sell her home.

Paul Peryea- 110 Ward Road- stated he lives on a private road and between last year and this year his assessment has gone up \$39,000.

David Agee- Woodland Ave- stated he lives on the lake and has been a resident for the past 7 years. Taxes are going to hurt him badly.

Donna Waltzer- Cranberry Creek Road- questioned on how much the town paid the company to do the reassessment last year. Also questioned why the company was allowed to not do the job properly.

Richard Marotta- Kunkel Point Road- questioned if this township is being singled out by the state.

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Kevin Rovito- 433 Paradise Point Road- Stated that in six years most of the people wouldn't be able to live here if they keep raising the assessments. Stated he is asking the board to help us save our homes.

June Torre- Cranberry Creek Rd- questioned who started this and why.

Margaret Stoffolano- 149 Woodland Avenue- feels it is the town board's responsibility to fire the assessor, is very rude to the public.

Donna Waltzer- Cranberry Creek Road- feels that the people need to sue everyone starting from the state level down.

Donna Haydon- Cranberry Creek Road- questioned how many property owners were told that the town was in a six year plan. Also questioned if the assessor visited each property feels that this is totally unfair.

Justine Davison- Highwinds Road- Stated she had spoken with Kathy this week and Kathy stated she did the reassessment this year all by herself. Also she lives on Mayfield Lake and there has been 1 sale in the last year.

Harold Stoffolano- 149 Woodland Ave- stated the board is responsible for the actions of the appointed assessor. What she does is the town's responsibility.

Roger DeRocker-107 Woodland Ave- questioned how many jobs the assessor has.

David Agee- Woodland Ave- has lived in many towns over the years and doesn't understand why in this town the reval goes on for years.

Todd Montanye- 15 Timberland Heights- stated the people need to look outside the box and perhaps go to state for fair market value.

Leslie Ackerknect- questioned who will listen to the complaints on Grievance day.

Eldon Montanye- Vandenburg Point Road- questioned if the lake properties are going to now get a break for five years.

Justine Davison- Highwinds Road- stated that the majority of people who buy property on the lake live in New York.

Kevin Rovito- Paradise Point Rd- questioned if town is locked into a six year plan with the state.

Jon Close- Lakeside Drive- stated that if the town goes with the 6 year program and holds the assessor accountable to do whole town every year.

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Michael Stewart- Jackson Summit- Stated he feels that a sales tax increase would benefit everyone if the state raised sales tax 1%.

Patricia Washburn- Highwinds Road- Stated didn't know there was a special meeting until 7PM. Also questioned if the topics of the meeting could be on the web site before the meeting for people to view.

Kathy Johnson- Sunrise Drive- questioned if answers to the questions people asked would be available at the next meeting.

Tom Toohey- Priddle Point Road- questioned if there was any way to slow down the six year plan.

Jon Close- Lakeside Drive- questioned if the county went with county wide assessing there would be no town equalization rates instead a state wide equalization rate.

Glen Henry- Paradise Point Road- stated if they go with county wide assessing then the town loses their own town assessor.

Richard Marotta- Kunkel Point- questioned what % of town was reassessed. Also if it was a percentage or a rule of thumb.

Justine Davison- Highwinds Road- questioned the board if a special meeting with Kathi could be scheduled to answer some questions the people have.

Supervisor Hart suggested forming a committee to help answer questions.

Tonie Close- Lakeside Drive- questioned the true equalization rate if some is 100% and others are different.

Jon Close – Lakeside Drive- stated the town board should consider letting everyone in town know to check their assessments, as he received letters on some of his properties.

Supervisor Hart thanked Dave Agee for all his work on the zoning document.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ UPDATES

DCO report was submitted.

Clean up Program- Mike Stewart CEO has been working on a program for residents to be able to apply for a roll off dumpster to be placed at their property for clean up. A small discussion followed with Mike Stewart CEO working up the application and waiver.

CEO REPORT- Mike Stewart CEO submitted his monthly report.

RESOLUTION # 72 ACCEPT TEMPORARY JUNKYARD PERMIT

On motion by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Hill the following resolution was ADOPTED 5 AYES (Hart, Montanye, Ryan, Hill, Sieg) 0 NAYS
RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to accept a temporary junkyard

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Permit to Michael Bills 3045 St Hwy 30 SBL# 120.-3-19.100.

LABERGE GROUP- Supervisor Hart reported that a meeting was held with Jim Clark to view the Fire District Building. A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at 3:30 PM with Jim Clark to go over some preliminary plans for the Fire District building.

APA MEETING- Supervisor Hart reported that she had met with the APA regarding the land at the Fire District building. The meeting was very positive and a new driveway and addition could be added to the building with no APA approval needed.

CORRESPONDENCE

SVAN PROGRAM- Handout distributed

TELECONFERENCE- May 23 for Town Board officials..

RESOLUTION # 73 AMEND CONTRACT WITH FRASER & ASSOCIATES

On motion by Councilwoman Montanye and seconded by Councilman Hill the following resolution was ADOPTED 5 AYES (Hart, Montanye, Ryan, Hill, Sieg) 0 NAYS

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to amend the contract with Fraser & Associates to include writing a grant application.

PUBLIC-

James Cownie- questioned on changing Board of Appeals meeting if necessary to have grievance hearings on a second day.

Supervisor Hart suggested having a special meeting on June 1 to address the questions from tonight. A discussion followed with the recommendation not to hold the special Meeting at that time.

A committee of Councilwoman Sieg and Councilman Ryan was formed to meet with Assessor Kathi Hillock to gain answers to the questions submitted this evening.

On motion by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Hill the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM 5 AYES (Hart, Montanye, Ryan, Hill, Sieg) 0 NAYS

Respectfully Submitted:

Dorothy Hart, Town Clerk