

February 11, 2020

Schultzville, NY

A CONTINUED public hearing the **proposed Local Law XX of 2020 Ag Events Law** was held on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Oberly, Councilmen Chris Juliano, Michael Whitton, Nancy Cunningham, Dean Michael and Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were 12 people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:00 PM, Supervisor Oberly called the continued public hearing to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Clerk read the public hearing notice aloud.

Supervisor Oberly opened the floor for comments and turned the meeting over to Councilman Michael.

Rebecca Valk – submitted a written comment, attached. Consider to expand the venues to more than one singular event, as it is written now; the restriction of the number of attendees is unreasonable at 200; definition of “for hire” is ambiguous; annual renewal of special permit is onerous, suggests eliminating it or limit the review topics to specific performance problems, like traffic or noise.

Jeff Newman – concerned that the law wants to limit amplified sound and that is impossible to enforce. Suggests rather to say: sound be limited to the event area and to the limits of the sound ordinance; on the renewal process it is onerous as it relates to necessary infrastructure. To encourage people to create valid venues, then give them reassurance the permit won’t be pulled in a year. Concerned about the “for hire” verbiage also. Distances should be from a lot line not the neighboring building. Corrected some typos.

Stacy Higgins - Old Adriance Farm – agreed with two previous speakers, she is also concerned about the law concerning amplified noise and the renewal process.

Dean Michael read into the record a comment just received this evening via email from Allyson Philips an attorney representing resident Steven Simcock. It is attached.

Rich Morse – questioned if the Planning Board can be regulating traffic under parking and driveways section. Councilman Michael explained that regulating traffic should be by an officer, not the event provider

Stephanie Wyant – regarding the definition of an ag event venue, she feels this is restrictive. It should be a \$10,000 limit not the \$50,000 as written in the law.

Ernestine Martin – questions the number of events allowed. Dean Michael said there is no limit as DC planning thought it was restrictive to the farm business. The boundaries should be 500 feet to the nearest neighbor.

At 6:29 PM, There being no further comments, MM Councilman Michael, 2nd Councilman Juliano to continue the public hearing until 6:00 PM on March 10, 2020. All aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:29 PM, MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol-Jean Mackin".

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk