

## THE VILLAGE OF PAWLING PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	January 12, 2021
<b>Present:</b>	Steve Goldberg, Chairman Lou Musella, Member Rob Pfister, Member Adam Muroski, Member
<b>Also Present:</b>	Lauri Taylor, Mayor Johnathan Bardavid, Attorney for Planning Board Caren LoBrutto, Village Planner Joe Berger, Village Engineer Scott Olson, Applicant Hyde Clark, Applicant Nathan Keenan, Engineer for Applicant Alicia Conti, Architect for Applicant Diana Tomassetti, Applicant

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PLANNING BOARD

On, *Tuesday January 12, 2021* at 7:00 PM, the Planning Board met via Zoom Conference. The Meeting was called to order by Jennifer Strehle, Secretary, and began with role call as indicated above and The Pledge of Allegiance.

The Secretary read the following:

Due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, the Village of Pawling Planning Board will not be meeting in-person. In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.1, the January 12, 2021 board meeting will be held via Zoom Conference, and a transcript will be provided at a later date.

### **Minutes**

Mr. Muroski made a Motion to accept the Minutes from the December 8, 2020 Meeting for the Planning Board. Mr. Musella seconded the Motion and all present Members were in favor.

### **Hudson Valley Plastics – 85 Charles Colman Blvd.**

Mr. Goldberg asked the applicant to present the project. Mr. Clark reviewed the project parameters and then shared his screen showing the warehouse at 85 Charles Coleman from different views in the village. Each view showed the warehouse with and without a simulated antenna. All records are on file at the Planning Board Department.

Before opening the Public Hearing Chairman Goldberg clarified a number of recent questions and assertions made by residents of the Village and others.. He explained:

1. That this is an antenna, not a full cell tower.
2. The various wetland designations for the area and their implications which indicated little if any wetland environmental impact. Moreover, the impact is essentially non-existent since the antenna is located on the roof of the building.
3. That the prevailing safety metric for cellular antennas and towers is the Maximum Permitted Exposure (MPE) set by the FCC. He further indicated that the site survey indicated that the antenna's output was less than 1% of the FCC MPE.

Mr. Musella made a Motion to open the Public Hearing. Mr. Muroski seconded the Motion and all present Members were in favor. Comments included:

1. Yvonne Potter – against the project for reasons including proximity to residences and increased risks to residents. She also wanted to know if higher elevation sites or alternative locations had been considered and if the Planning board would disclose the lease fee.
2. Natasha Rubirosa – wanted to clarify that this was a 140-foot tower.
3. Jeannette Daniels – expressed concerns about bird migration and asked if light's or wires were going to be on the antenna or guidewires supporting it.
4. Michael Keupp- expressed support for the antenna for a variety of reasons including safety and improved services.

Mr. Goldberg read excerpts of emails received from:

1. Brett Ulrich- supports the project
2. Elissa Lopez- against the project

Mr. Goldberg further stated that a petition against the antenna was started by Yvonne Potter which has 90 signatures and that a petition supporting the antenna was started by Brett Ulrich which had in excess of 140 signatures. Mr. Goldberg cautioned that it was impossible to tell if the petition signers were residents of the area and noted than comments section in the petition against the antenna were from out of the area.

Mr. Goldberg made a Motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Musella seconded the Motion and all present Members were in favor.

Mr. Pfister asked a set of clarifying questions about the antenna's impact area and possible ways of disguising the antenna.

Mr. Musella detailed the research he had done on the various safety concerns regarding both wildlife and human beings. He explained why these concerns were not a factor in this application.

Mr. Goldberg made a Motion that the Planning Board is Lead Agency for SEQR and that it is a Type 1 Action, and a Coordinated Review. Mr. Musella seconded the Motion and all present Members were in favor.

## **Main Corner Properties LLC – 146 East Main Street**

Mr. Johnson was not able to be present at the meeting, his assistant Alicia Conti attended on his behalf. There was a brief discussion regarding the project including some changes that had been made including decorative windows on the southern elevation and an more permanent and aesthetically appealing fence. All records are on file at the Planning Board Department.

Mr. Goldberg asked the Planner if she had any comments. Ms. LoBrutto discussed a variety of lighting issues that would help integrate the project properly to the area.

Mr. Goldberg asked the Engineer if he had any comments. Mr. Berger had no additional questions or comments.

Mr. Murowski discussed the proper arbor vitae for the site to minimize the need for up-keep.

Chairman Goldberg had a set of questions that were not yet answered by the applicant about the turning radius of the forklifts within the building. The concerns were related to truck loading and unloading times and how that would impact possible truck double parking on Charles Coleman Blvd. He also suggested there be a no idling policy and prominent related markings put in place for all trucks. Mr. Musella agreed.

Mr. Bardavid said the SEQR determination and Negative Declaration, could all be done at the next meeting should progress be made.

### **Adjournment:**

Mr. Musella made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Goldberg seconded and all present Members were in favor.

Submitted by:  
Jennifer Strehle, Secretary