

Regular meeting of the Planning Board, Village of Lyndonville was held on Monday, July 15, 2024 at the Village Hall. Meeting. The meeting opened at 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Planning Board Chairman: Steven Vann
Planning Board Members: Terry Chaffee - Absent
Justin Edwards
Patricia Gawne
Virginia Hughes

Clerk-Treasurer/Planning/Zoning Clerk Teri Woodworth

Code Enforcement Officer David Reese - Absent
Public: Kate Hardner, Beth Stoll, Dave Stoll, Carla Woodworth, Dan Gardner and Kellie Gregoire

PRIVLIAGE OF THE FLOOR:

- Nothing

OLD BUSINESS:

- Local Law No. 1 of the year 2003 – Article VI Regulations Applicable to All Districts – Section 618 Harboring Animals – Planning Board Chairman Vann noted this was previously tabled to allow for review of municipalities that do allow for chickens. Planning Board Chairman Vann asked the public if they had any feedback. Village Resident Kate Hardner noted she asked Kellie Gregorie to come today as she does wild life removal services. Village Resident Carla Woodworth noted she’s not against chickens, her concern is not everyone takes care and maintains their property the same now. Village Resident Woodworth also noted there is a property a few doors over from her that a portion their property is zoned agricultural and they have chickens as its allowed, those chickens are 430’ away and they can still hear them. Village Resident Woodworth noted other municipalities have animal control officers, we would have to rely on Orleans County’s Animal Control officer who isn’t going to handle chicken issues. Village of Medina Code Enforcement Officer Dan Gardner noted that the Village of Medina doesn’t allow for chickens either, animal control won’t handle so he has to send out a lot of letters trying to get the chickens removed. Village of Medina Coden Enforcement Officer Gardner noted he gets a lot of complaints from neighbors about smell and noise. Village Resident Beth Stoll inquired as to what kind of animals would chickens be attracting and can that be based on how the chickens are kept. Animal Wild Life Specialist Kellie Gregorie noted you’ll never get rid of wild animals as it not just chickens that attract them its bird feeders, outdoor feeding of cats, they find a food source. Animal Wild Life Specialist Gregorie noted there’s a water source here that attracts raccoons. Village Resident Hardner noted its all enclosing the chickens at night to keep the wild animals away. Planning Board Member Gawne noted she has concerns about sanitation, smell and the animals being kept healthy. Planning Boad Member Hughes noted there’s no way to “police” any of that at a small Village level. Planning Board Member Hughes noted she would be ok with modifying the Village’s local law with a lot of controls being put in. Planning Board Member Edwards noted if the Village Board is going to consider allowing chickens, he feels the strictest of all the ordinances and a signed waiver from the surrounding neighbors should be required. Planning Board Member Edwards inquired if this would be a public vote. Clerk-Treasurer Woodworth confirm with NYCOM. The Board discussed Code Enforcement would enforce and to set a very high violation fee. The Board discussed modifying the City of Buffalo’ ordinance provided by Village Resident Hardner. Village Resident Hardner asked they not make it too complicated that people aren’t able to afford having chickens. Clerk-Treasurer Woodworth will provide the Planning Board with a word version of the City of Buffalo’s ordinance to allow for editing for a proposed draft for the next meeting to then be reviewed by the Village Attorney and then to the Village Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nothing
- The Board set the next meeting for, August 19, 2024 at4:00pm.

ON MOTION of Planning Board Member Gawne, seconded by Planning Board Member Edwards, to adjourn the meeting at 4:23PM.

Vote: 4 Ayes (Edwards, Gawne, Hughes, Vann); 0 Nays; 0 Abstain

Teri M. Woodworth
Clerk-Treasurer, Planning/Zoning Clerk