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UPDATE ON AUG 3rd THOMPSON TOWN BOARD MEETING

Thompson Officials Present: Supervisor Bill Rieber, Deputy Supervisor Richard Sush, Councilmen Peter Briggs, Scott Mace & John Pavese; **also present:** Town Attorney Michael Mednick, Code Enforcement Officer Logan Ottino, Water/ Sewer Supt Bill Culligan, Comptroller Gary Lasher and Town Clerk Marilee Calhoun

Joint Public Hearing on Garden Cottages Annexation

This 11 acre subdivision on Varnell Rd, with 19 bldgs & 35 units, has been seeking annexation from the Town into the Village for over a year now in order to alleviate water and sewage treatment problems. One past attempt at annexation failed because the Village did not publish public notice as required; the 2nd attempt went nowhere because the Village requested a large payment that the applicant was unwilling or unable to pay.

Joint public hearing was held with the Village of Monticello Board of Trustees (all of whose members were present except for Mayor Gordon Jenkins, who arrived after the close of the hearing). Attorney Barbara Garigliano, representing the applicant, directed the joint board to select one person to preside; Supervisor Rieber was approved to fulfill that role. Applicant will pay for new pump station, water & sewer lines. Village Trustee Carmen Rue asked if the subdivision will be allowed to expand and was told they will because the Village code allows for greater density. The joint board has 90 days to act on enabling resolution following the public hearing. A 239 County Review is needed; joint board was declared lead agency for SEQRA compliance. *No members of the public wished to be heard.* Councilman John Pavese expressed concern that this annexation request could allow for "massive expansion" by the applicant and was told that future development plans could be subject to further enviro'l review by Village Board and involved agencies. Motion for neg declaration was made & approved unanimously by the joint board.

Some Correspondence Items

- Attorney George Duke with questions about viewshed distances re: EPR/ Adelaar project
- Lebaum Company, Inc. (Thompson's Insurance company) notifying the Town of claim by Claude Staten vs Village & Town that Attorney Michael Mednick thinks should be dismissed as a *pro se* (claimant representing himself) lawsuit re: a federal matter
- NYS DEC Inspection Report indicating there are no violations at Fast Eddie's Auto Wreckers
- Letter from NYSERDA re: clean energy financing program to NYS businesses & multifamily properties
- NYSORPTS Letter - Final state equalization rate is 87.00
- Letter from Rabbi Nachman Caller in opposition to EPR/ Adelaar gaming casino
- Letter from Rabbi Caller's law firm, Carter Ledyard & Milburn, opposing Concord Adelaar Casino
- News Release from Supervisor Rieber calling upon other religious leaders in the community to disassociate themselves from Rabbi Caller's opposition to EPR/ Adelaar gaming casino
- Center for Discovery letter supporting requested speed limit reduction on Old Rte 17

Some Agenda Items

Garden Cottages was removed from agenda awaiting 239 Review and annexation resolution

Time Warner Cable Svce to Water & Sewer Dept and Golden Ridge TWC wants \$15K in fees but Jonah Mandelbaum, Golden Ridge developer, whose senior/ workforce housing project behind McDonald's in Monticello may bring in utilities from Rock Ridge Dr. that would allow residents there to get cable service

Upgrades to Town Hall There was some discussion re: bids for a telecommunications system as well as bids on replacement windows. Bill Hauser of MH&E said there would be a \$2,200 engineering fee to look into window replacement; the board approved the engineering fee, and Supervisor Rieber indicated that \$35,000 remains in the building fund. Core samples from MH&E engineering report indicate that Town Hall may require complete roof replacement.

Petition for Speed Zone Change on Old Rte 17 (CR 174) to reduce speed to 45 mph between Exits 104 and 102. Councilman Pavese pointed out it's not up to the Town but requires county and state action. A