

New Haven Township

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Special Town Board Meeting Minutes August 21, 2018

1. Call to Order: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a special meeting of the New Haven Town Board was called to order at about 6:30 PM by Chair Mary Andrist. Quorum requirements were met with Supervisor Denny Beyer and Supervisor Brian Hervey also present. Also in attendance were Planning and Zoning Administrator Ann Fahy-Gust and Clerk Dale Thomforde.

2. Meeting Agenda: The purpose of the meeting is to review the Interim Use Permit (IUP) application for an event center, by Donald and Julie Hoerle, 6632 91st St NW, Oronoco, 55960. Since this is a special town board meeting, no changes to the agenda are permitted.

3. Review the Interim Use Permit (IUP) application for an event center:

Chair Andrist asked Ann Fahy-Gust to present the reason she requested the special town board meeting.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Ann Fahy-Gust said she wanted to present an update on where the Hoerle IUP application stands. Fahy Gust reviewed a handout she had prepared which included:

- A recommendation of items to be completed in order to determine the permit status.
- A list of actions thus far.
- A list of concerns.
- An email from the architect after talking to the building inspector.
- A review from the Rochester-Olmsted Planning Department

There was an unpermitted event held 2 weekends ago and complaints were received from the neighbors.

There is a charity event coming up in September. This is outside of a permitted use and a liability exposure for both the Hoerles and the Township. Fahy-Gust would like to inform the charity of the situation.

Andrist reported that she received a complaint from Gary Kittleson (9214 69th Ave NW). He wasn't able to attend this special town board meeting. He was concerned with the noise from the recent event that interrupted his sleep when he had to work the next day. He also thought the sign on the road with directions to the event was huge and probably not permitted. He would like to see no more than a couple of those events per year.

Fahy-Gust was hoping to have plans so that she could move ahead with getting approvals. Don Hoerle (6632 91st St NW) was present. Andrist told Mr. Hoerle that in the meantime, he cannot be holding these events. Andrist said she would like to get the Township attorney involved to give the Township advice and send a cease and desist letter.

Randall Baartman (6423 85st St NW) said they were in the affected zone. He had questions about the sound proofing of the building. He is also concerned about the additional traffic since he and his neighbor have recently had some property damage from cars going off the road.

Kevin Damgard (6917 91st St NW) said he was perturbed while sitting on his deck by the sound coming from the recent wedding reception event. He was affected by the sound and would like to try to find some way Hoerles can do their business. He appreciated that the gravel road had been chlorided. He is also concerned about fireworks. He was thankful that it stopped at midnight.

The Town Board agreed to have Fahy-Gust get in touch with the Township attorney and to send a cease and desist letter to the Hoerles.

4. Adjournment: With no further business before the Board on the agenda, Chair Andrist adjourned the meeting at about 6:53 PM.

Approved by the Board,
Date:

Attest,
Date:

Mary Andrist – Chair
For the New Haven Town Board

Dale J. Thomforde
New Haven Township Clerk