

TOWN OF COEYMANS ZONING BOARD MEETING

January 27, 2016

Attendees

Members Present: Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Powell, Mr. Harris, Mr. Gonzalez

Members Absent: Mr. Shear

Also Present: Mr. Cashin; Ms. Ziegler, Recording Secretary

Public Present: See attached list

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Schmitt at 7:00 p.m. There was a quorum; one member absent. Mr. Schmitt introduced and welcomed Mr. Gonzalez as a new board member. Reading of the public notices was waived.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schmitt made motion to approve the minutes of December 23, 2015 at the next meeting; seconded by Mr. Harris; all in favor.

Report of the Building Inspector

Mr. Cashin reported that there are two items on tonight's agenda: Proposed area variance for Kearney and public hearing for Biers/Albany County Sheriffs' cell tower.

Public Hearing

William Biers/Albany County Sheriffs' Cell Tower (15-007 ZAV): An application for an area variance on property owned by him located on Biers Road, Coeymans Hollow, NY 12046, Tax Map #142-1-11.1. The property is in the R/A zoning district which has height requirements which would pertain to the cell tower.

Mr. Mariani from Albany County Sheriffs' Department and Mr. Ellsbree from Pyramid Network Services (contractor) were present and have been authorized by Mr. Biers to represent him. Discussion was held and included:

- Need a 140 foot height variance.
- Cell tower has been in the works for six months
- Albany County Sheriff's Department received a grant from State Homeland Security to improve communications.

- There were many areas without coverage
- Town Board has waived all fees; copy of resolution is in the file
- Fire, EMS, police and school district will be on this new system. County will provide hand held radios
- Tower will be 180 feet in height; lattice structure; no FAA issues because tower is under 200 feet
- They will enter into an 25 year lease with Mr. Biers
- Will be 1300 feet from Stanton's, 1700 feet from Biers Road, and 1000 feet from Seufert's
- Tower will not be lighted; no guidewires
- Discussion was held regarding options of closing the public hearing or keeping it open for another month.

Mr. Schmitt and the Board reviewed, discussed and answered the five criteria/factors for consideration of an area variance. Answered no to questions 1, 2, and 4; answered yes to questions 3 and 5. Board needs to determine classification (Type 1, 2, or unlisted). Board would like Mr. Baynes to be present for his input into the determination.

Mr. Harris made motion to close the public hearing and keep the area variance on the agenda for next month; seconded by Mr. Gonzalez; all in favor.

New Business – Proposed Area Variance

Kearney Family LLC (16-001 ZAV): An application for an area variance on property owned by them located at 2524 US 9W, Ravena, NY 12142, Tax Map #168.13-2-40./2. The property is in the CIP zoning district which requires a 15 foot lot line setback. They are requesting a six foot side lot line setback for approval of the proposed 30'x70' addition to the south end of the existing building

Application was not presented/discussion because the applicant was not present.

Adjournment

Mr. Schmitt made motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Gonzalez; all in favor.