

ZONING COMMISSION, CAIRO TOWN HALL JUNE 16, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Mary Kames, Suzanne Oldakowski, Jeff Shapiro, Richard Booth, Doug Ostrander, Bill Hummel, John Gallagher...meeting was not taped; therefore there will be no audio minutes available on tape.

OPEN WITH THE PLEDGE

There will be a public hearing meeting at the Town Hall on June 18, 2008 at 6:30 pm, prior to the regular Town Board meeting.

The Boards review of Cite Plan went well.

Janet has reviewed the obtaining of a hydro geologist with John Coyne regarding it being covered by Nan's original contract. The current funds available were only good thru 2005; her contact will need to be changed and then will be able to apply for an additional \$10,000.00. At that time, John had not decided any timelines or goals for the Committee. A more definitive answer will be needed concerning the hydro geologist to make determinations on what the water system will handle. The County is also exploring funds to assist with the hydro geologist.

Recently received E-mails to various committee members were addressed. Public should know that there are currently no zoning laws in Cairo, that we are a Commission not a Board, there are currently things that are going thru the Building Inspector that should be more closely reviewed and stay in accordance with the current codes on the books. Cairo seems to be behind in this area compared to other towns in the county. Columbia County as well as other towns in Greene County are re-doing their current zoning laws. There was an inquiry about a fees list for developers. Janet stated that these fees are imposed for the impact the development will have on the community, such as highway maintenance, future equipment purchase, etc.. She also went on to say that investment has been limited in our area due to the unknown return on their projects as well as the unknown of what will be developed next to them.

There is a need to define agriculture zones and determine what limits can be set on a "hobby farm".

There is a need to determine what types of residential zoning there should be. What will be considered "owner occupied", what will be "mother-daughter" or "multi-family".

When using the "grandfather" rules, time limits can be imposed for pre-existing businesses such as a junk yards. A 5 year limit can be imposed, then they would either have to close, move or improve said property until it meets the standard set. Other towns laws can be utilized as a guide as they have already gone through the courts. There can

be selective enforcement, however, with our limited resources it is currently difficult to cite everyone or enforce everything.

Upcoming public hearing will be to listen to concerns, answer question, not to debate issues. Jeff to provide the opening, there will be a sign in sheet and questions will be limited to 1-2 minutes. There will be copies of version 6 of the Cite Plan available.

There was a suggestion that the Town Board do a mass mailing quarterly. The local school pays about \$1,500.00 yearly, however this does not include the print, just the mailing.

Next meeting will be June 30, 2008 at 7:30 pm, at the Town Hall. These are public meetings and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Motion to close: Richard Booth, seconded by John Gallagher.