

Minutes of February 12, 2019 Town of Germantown Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #2 of 2019, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY, commencing at 6:45pm.

Present: Supervisor Beaury
Councilman Moore
Councilwoman DuFresne
Councilman Kukon
Councilman Sullivan

Absent: Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Beaury opened the Public Hearing and Led with the Pledge to the Flag.

Town Clerk read the following public notice:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Germantown will hold a Public Hearing on February 12, 2019 at 6:45pm on proposed Local Law 2 of 2019 Reducing the size of the Planning Board. The public hearing will be followed by the Town Board monthly meeting beginning at 7:00pm, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, New York.

Supervisor Beaury explained that the Town Board had talked about reducing the size of the Planning Board to make it in line with the size of the Town Board and the ZBA. Supervisor Beaury said that because of circumstances that have arisen since it was drafted, they would not be voting on this tonight, but the Board does believe reducing the Planning Board is the right way to go.

Supervisor Beaury opened the Public Hearing for public comments.

Lee Wurtzberger read a letter addressed to the Town Board from Carole Neville. Letter will be on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Pam Wallace voiced her opinion on the past regarding the development of Prime Max and Dollar General and how this is affected by the Planning Board. Ms. Wallace is concerned because the Planning Board reduction will leave just the members that caused the Article 78. Town Board members asked her to focus on the local law that was being presented.

LuRae Tate asked what is the reason for reducing the Planning Board?

Supervisor Beaury said this was discussed several times to bring the Planning Board in the same configuration as the Town Board.

Lee Wurtzberger doesn't see what the need is.

Councilman Sullivan said they are having difficulty getting quality people to fill positions on the boards.

Steve Savoris said as former chairman of the ZBA said the planning board is broader with more complex issues and he does not see the drawback of having 7 members.

Lee Wurtzberg asked if the planning board went to 5 members could it change back to 7?

Supervisor Beaury said State Law is either 5 or 7 members.

Supervisor Beaury said in closing that this is something the board is considering.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,