

Minutes of September 10, 2024, Germantown Town Board Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. B of 2024, designating a fire lane in front of 220 Main Street (County Route 33), held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY and via Zoom, commencing at 6:31pm.

Present: Supervisor Helsley
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilmember Suarez
Councilman Christian

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Helsley opened the public hearing to public comments.

Julia Carr and Leslie Carr Avros owners of the Central House stated they are not in favor of the Local Law designating the fire lane. Julia suggested coming up with signage in front of the building for loading and unloading. Julia said there will be 4-5 parking spots eliminated according to the Local Law. Councilmember Suarez said it was brought to the attention of the Town Board as a safety concern for the fire trucks making the turn onto Church Ave. Julia spoke with the County and the County told her that the Town was in control. Councilman Kukon asked Tony the reasoning is the fire trucks making the right turn onto Church Avenue? Tony said "yes that is the concern. Corinne said the Town Board has jurisdiction for vehicle and traffic law to designate a fire lane because the fire chiefs brought up a potential safety concern. Corinne also said if it is designated as a fire lane there are regulations on the types of signage to be used. Councilman Sullivan mentioned when the sidewalks were put in several years ago there was no designated parking spaces in front of Central House. Councilman Sullivan said the County has certain regulations. Tony again suggested tabling this until next month.

Motion to close the public hearing at 6:48pm made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,