

VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE
PLANNING BOARD COMMISSION

January 15, 2014

Present: Chairman Mark Steinhoff, Commissioners- Carl Rosenstock, Alan Eisman, Darlene Maizer and Alternate Elizabeth Hooper

Absent: Commissioners Eric Cafaro, Village Planner Dan Shuster

Also Present: Village Code Enforcement Officer- Brian A. Schug Jr.

Village Attorney- Peter Berger, Esq.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Mark Steinhoff.

ITEM 1: MINUTES APPROVAL OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2013

OCTOBER 2013- Motion by Commissioner Rosenstock, seconded by Commissioner Maizer to approve the Minutes from October 23, 2013.

ALL IN FAVOR: AYE- AS OF THE CONCENSUS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

NOVEMBER 2013- Motion by Commissioner Eisman, seconded by Commissioner Hooper to approve the Minutes from November 20, 2013.

ALL IN FAVOR: AYE- AS OF THE CONCENSUS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Chairman Steinhoff opens the meeting for discussion with **Item 2** on the agenda.

ITEM 2: OSTERHOUDT CORP., ELLENVILLE MINE MODIFICATION TO REMOVE VIA DRILLING AND BLASTING BEDROCK BURIED BELOW THE SAND AND GRAVEL BEING MINED.

Maps and Permit Modifications submitted by Osterhoudt Corp. Ellenville Mine (DEC Project ID # 3-5156-0280/0001/MLF#30657) Dated: 12/11/2013

Present: Howard and Karen Osterhoudt- representing Osterhoudt Corp.

Howard Osterhoudt explained that the engineer used for their preliminary work showed a few boulders on the property. As they continued mining the property, a large outcropping of limestone has emerged. They would need to go down approximately 20'-30' to get it down to floor elevation, in order to utilize the property in the future. (The section in question is cited on maps provided by Osterhoudt Corp.)

Howard Osterhoudt stated that they would blast then remove the materials that have been released. Materials removed would be utilized by their company. There would not be blasting for extended periods of time, possibly a day or two. Gathering the raw materials that had been released from the blast would take a month or so. Further blasting would commence after all materials were gathered.

NOTIFICATION

Code Enforcement Officer Schug asked that the Village of Ellenville Building Department is notified prior to each of the blasting events. Any further notification to the public will be decided by Village of Ellenville Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan.

Howard Osterhoudt stated that he believes that their company must notify the people within a 1000 ft. radius of the blasting.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation sets the protocol for the blasting and all modifications must have their final approval.

BLASTING PROCEDURE

Howard Osterhoudt stated that there will be holes drilled, blasting material is added covered with a #1 stone item, then sealed and covered with mats, thus preventing any materials from escaping during the blasting. There are spotters at the mine at the time of blasting and there are sirens that are set off prior to blasting.

Code Enforcement Officer Schug questions the blasting plan and whether there will be different size charges used, possibly creating a louder noise or stronger aftershock.

Karen Osterhoudt stated it would depend upon the analysis of rock as to what size charge is needed to break it.

Code Enforcement Officer Schug stated that the plan submitted by Osterhoudt Corp. showed there are no changes in the elevations and floors of the mine, thus the view shed will remain the same.

Howard Osterhoudt stated that was correct. The sand will be removed in an 8' -10' cut dropping per level as needed prior to blasting.

Code Enforcement Officer Schug questions whether the Ellenville Fire District needed to be notified prior to blasting.

Howard Osterhoudt stated that they did not feel that it was necessary, as the mine does not border any other properties in a close proximity.

Karen Osterhoudt stated that the companies they may use for the blasting are licensed, registered and insured.

Howard Osterhoudt stated that there will be seismographs set up all around the blasting area and they will know the seismograph readings after each blast.

MOTION: Commissioner Rosenstock, seconded by Chairman Steinhoff- Village of Ellenville Planning Board acknowledges the modifications requested by the Osterhoudt Corp. The project has been reviewed and considering the circumstances the Planning Board would prefer blasting of the limestone ledge at the Osterhoudt Corp. Ellenville Mine rather than hammering.

ALL IN FAVOR: AYE MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 3: 139-141 CANAL STREET- GAMEX, LLC- CONTINUED DISCUSSION TO CREATE RESTAURANT IN EXISTING STRUCTURE WITH PROPOSED ADDITION AND OUTDOOR SEATING (HELD UNTIL FEBRUARY)

Code Enforcement Officer Schug gave a brief discussion to Planning Board about recent developments with Gamex, LLC.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hooper, seconded by Commissioner Rosenstock meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR: AYE MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer B. Cataldi