

Public Hearing  
Proposed Revision to the Current Zoning Ordinance  
Local Law #3  
Town of Romulus  
April 11, 2018

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor David Kaiser at 7:05 PM.

Roll Call: Supervisor David Kaiser	Present
Councilman Michael Joslyn	Present
Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Present
Councilman Joseph Brodnicki	Present
Councilman Kyle Collinsworth	Present

Pledge of Allegiance; followed by a moment of silence.

Others Present: Town Clerk Marjorie Van Hying  
Planning Board Chairman Tom Bouchard  
Planning Board Vice Chair Bill Karlsen  
Zoning Board Chairwoman Barbara McCall  
Alan Knauf  
Will Burns  
Mary Anne Kowalski  
Sue Ellen Balluff  
Town Attorney Patrick Morrell

Residents: 40 +

Public Hearing:  
Motion to Open: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.  
Seconded by: Councilman Michael Joslyn  
Carried

David Locke quoted Senator Pam Helming, "Seneca County has enough trash."  
Max Tia, who is running for Congress, stated his interest in the future of Seneca County.  
He would like to have this county reduce trash which would equal less pollution.  
Luanne Mansfield of Three Brothers Winery stated she has 40 acres that she is concerned about.  
She owns a restaurant in Geneva and is concerned about the containers smelling. She also  
suggested that the tower be shorter if the incinerator is built.  
Ken Hall would like us to use incentives for less trash. Examples can be found in Japan, Boston,  
Ithaca and Sweden.  
Mary Louise Shot Interim Director of Water and Environment in STEPS, spoke of concern for the  
environment.  
John Saxe said he is 4<sup>th</sup> generation of this area and now questions living here. He believes there will be  
less tourists which will equal less jobs.  
Kathy Relae traveled to many places before settling here in the Finger Lakes.  
Kim Engle owns a vineyard and told of the many lakes surrounding us that the DEC warns not to eat  
fish from those waters. He, as well as others, thanked the Town Board of Romulus for their efforts.

Gary Adamson has a Bed and Breakfast in the area. He was a teacher for 40 years and cannot see the children in the area being poisoned by the emissions from the incinerator. Caledonia-Mumford has an incinerator and the cases of Lou Gehrig's disease and cancer is high. He gave thanks to the Board and stated that the Finger Lakes is the most beautiful area in the United States.

Joseph Campbell of Hector filmed the proceedings and spoke against the incinerator.

Alan Knauf proposed changes to the town law – see attached. He stated that an environmental review is needed. The incinerator will reduce the landfill and he thinks all that we say is a myth. He said that they have wasted much money on us and that it is not right to stop the project in the middle of it all. He brought up the ruling of the Zoning Officer, Adam Schrader. He added that the property needs a large power source and that our law is short sighted.

John Dunlop of Hector had listened to a radio program with Alan Knauf and was not pleased with what was said.

Holly Gregg of Skaneateles is Director of a Preservation group to prevent fracking and she mentioned the truck traffic. She warned of other projects coming in.

Traci Maroni of Penn Yan commented on Mt Trashmore on 5 & 20. She has seen these problems before in Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties.

Kyle Brady is worried for his new baby having to go to school in the area if the incinerator goes in.

Steve M. from N Parker Road in Seneca Falls just bought a house and fears that he shouldn't have.

Joseph Campbell of Hector said that Alan Knauf represented Dryden Pro Bono for Fracking.

Jason Gable, a student, stated that he is against the incinerator.

Supervisor David Kaiser spoke on waste handling for Romulus in the past.

In 2008 Septor Inc. approached the town wanting to dispose of processed waste. The Town denied the request. We did not want anything to do with the waste on the Depot property.

In 2015 the Town was approached by the Seneca County IDA with a plan to bring Hurricane Sandy debris into the former Depot via rail to be trans-loaded to truck to be taken to area landfills. The Town was very concerned that this plan would become a permanent business process with Northeast Transit, a company that was on the Depot at the time that trans-loaded freight from truck to rail and rail to truck. The Town took action to make zoning changes to not allow garbage storage or processing on the former Depot. Those changes were made.

In 2016 the Town was approached by a representative from Quazar Inc., a company that processed Human waste to make methane gas to create electricity. The Town explained the unpopularity with the Local Landfills and its opposition to such operations in the Town.

This should be enough to set a precedence for the Town on not allowing landfilling, waste or mining.

The sign in sheets are attached.

Motion to Close: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded by: Councilman Joseph Brodnicki

Carried

Adjournment: At 8:35 PM

Motioned by: Councilman Michael Joslyn

Seconded by: Councilman Joseph Brodnicki

Carried

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marjorie Van Hying Town Clerk  
Town of Romulus