

Village of Liverpool Planning Board
Monday August 26, 2019
7:00 PM

Present: Joseph Ostuni, Chairman Peter Osborne
Jim Rosier John Eallonardo
Tom Tartaglia, alternate John Langey, Attorney
Sandra Callahan, Secretary Bill Reagan, Code Enforcement

Call to Order

Chairman Ostuni called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Motion was made by Jim Rosier, seconded by Peter Osborne, to approve the minutes from July 22, 2019 with some minor changes. Motion Passed.

New Business

5G Cell Technology design standards discussion

Mayor White has asked the planning board to provide a written recommendation to the Village Board regarding design standards for 5G cell towers.

Background: The FCC will regulate the 5G technology throughout the country but allows local municipalities to adopt a local law to set and regulate design standards.

The Village Board has adopted a resolution to accept the FCC regulations.

Mr. Reagan said the he has been in contact with Verizon and they want to install 5 antennas throughout the Village and that each communications company may also want to install 5 poles based on need.

The number one issue is that they need to be safe and code compliant. If there currently are underground utilities then the 5G technology would also need to be underground.

Resolution: Reviewing the resolution adopted by the Village Board, the following comments were made:

The appearance of the wires should be hidden in conduit.

Signage is prohibited and any information on the pole must be essential to the FCC.

The poles can't interfere with other communications. Colocation will be encouraged. In residential neighborhoods we may want them to put in separate poles.

The maximum height will be 35'. New poles should be in alignment with existing trees and poles, not askew.

The Village may reserve space on the pole for future use.

The Village will obtain a license agreement to allow the communication company to be in the right of way. A location diagram will also be provided.

The pole must be 6 ft. from any existing permanent object.

The required spacing is 300 feet apart, to the extent feasible.

In non-residential districts, if the FCC can prove it needs to be higher, we will consider 40 feet.

The shape and dimensions of the poles/antennas will be based on the model law. The Village engineer will provide guidance to Codes Officer Reagan regarding the appearance. If affixing to a decorative pole, the antennas must match.

All locations will go to the Village Board for approval and Mr. Reagan will confirm design standards prior to issuing permits.

If possible the poles should be powder coated finish with earth tone colors consistent with the neighborhood.

If multiple requests are made to issue a license, we cannot approve one company and deny another.

The location of the antenna shall be on top of the new pole, flush to the top of pole.

There will need to be a utility easement with National Grid and the Village if the poles are too close to each other.

All equipment, antennas, etc. must be enclosed with no exposed wires. The cabinets should be rectangular and not exceed 28 cubic feet.

Ground mounted equipment cannot be too close to the sidewalk, curb, or roadway to interfere with snowplowing.

The maximum height for ground mounted equipment shall not exceed 2.5 feet and cannot be more than 28 cubic feet in volume.

Mr. Reagan will check with Verizon for some examples of the equipment.

The ground equipment shall be concealed and may include landscaping that would be cover the equipment within 2 years.

Based on the discussion, Chairman Ostuni summarized the recommendation to the Village Board as follows:

The poles/antennas/equipment should be as small and attractive as possible. We will defer to Attorney Langey and Mr. Reagan relative to maximum height allowed, size, feasibility of colocation and cubic foot volume.

Other Business

None of the applicants were present on any of the pending cases.

Mr. Reagan received an email from the owners of Conoco gas station on Oswego St. regarding installing a pricing sign on the canopy. The current code doesn't allow for a canopy sign. Mr. Reagan is proposing a change to the law that would allow a canopy sign on each street frontage not to exceed 16 sq. ft. in area each in addition to one gas price sign on each street frontage of the canopy not to exceed 12 sq. ft. in area each, in lieu of a free standing sign.

The Planning Board had no objections to this. Mr. Reagan will proceed in presenting this to the Village Board for a local law change.

There being no further business, Mr. Osborne moved and Mr. Tartaglia seconded the motion to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Callahan
Deputy Clerk