



MEETING MINUTES
Re: Whippoorwill Road Turnaround

Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
Town Board Meeting
via teleconference & video conference

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chair Jim Pulvermacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call shows Chair Pulvermacher and Supervisors Dave Laufenberg, Bill Statz, Art Meinholz, and Dan Dresen present and appearing at town hall.

Also present and appearing at town hall were Town Attorney Mark Hazelbaker, Kelly Meinholz, Ken Meinholz, Jake Niesen, Janel Christianson, Tom Brunner, Duane Acker, Roger Ripp, Doug Buechner, Road Patrolman Darin Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer Dianah Fayas, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Doreen Jackson. Among the 35+ attendees appearing via tele &/or video conference were Dennis and Jo, Randy Meinholz, Stephanie Ziegler, Curtis Meffert, Netsy Greiber, Adam Meinholz, Jennifer Niesen, Tom Mathies, Dan Fargen, Herb Endres, Kathy Spahn, Jim Motelet, Kraig Byron, Susan Oja, Lynda Schmitz, Brian Buechner, Mike Crooks, Lynn Lochner, and Kelly Powell.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. CONFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW
The Clerk confirmed that the agenda was posted at town hall and on the Town website. The meeting is being recorded for use during the drafting of the meeting minutes.
3. INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT TIME
Supervisors stated they had received multiple calls and emails from people, some in support, some in opposition, and some with questions wanting to learn more, including an inquiry about the location of the existing driveway that is installed at the end of a town road.
4. WHIPPOORWILL ROAD TURNAROUND INSTALLATION: REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION, AS APPROPRIATE
The Town has received rough estimates on two turnaround locations, ranging in price (including 35% estimate for contingency, engineering & administration) from \$69,500 to \$87,000, in addition to the Meinholzes' estimated contribution for land and excavation dumping ranging from \$32,000 to \$69,000 respectively. Patrolman Ripp explained the southernmost turnaround (Option #2 in the handout) is cheaper than the northern location, due to terrain and excavation costs. Supervisors and attendees debated the need for a turnaround and discussed the sizing of the circle, improvement material, cost sharing, future connections to the turnaround, and special assessments. Attorney Kraig Byron, representing the landowners on the west side of Whippoorwill Road stated the requested turnaround is not needed nor prudent and there is no evidence of safety concerns and if approved, the cost should be shouldered by the Meinholzes if they add lots at that

location in the future. Attorney Hazelbaker recommended a developer’s agreement between the town and the Meinholzes agreeing that if splits are exercised at that location, there would be a recapture of some of the construction expense. Mr. Hazelbaker noted the turnaround as currently proposed is not engineered for additional residences and added that square end roads like Whippoorwill have a higher incidence of accidents. Sup. Laufenberg suggested that if the town constructs a turnaround on the donated land, any additional access to that location would require improvements to expand and pave the turnaround at the developer’s expense. Supervisors asked Ms. Christianson to consider tying her existing driveway into the proposed turnaround to facilitate drainage in the area.

Motion by Sup. Meinholz, seconded by Sup. Dresen instructing attorney Hazelbaker to come up with a draft developer’s agreement for the Meinholzes if they were to add more homes off the turnaround. Attorney Hazelbaker will report back on the legality of assessing anyone that exercises splits on Whippoorwill Road south of Martinsville Road a small assessment that can go towards improving the turnaround. Staff will send out the information to our residents that was requested tonight. Motion carried, 4-1.

This topic will be taken up at another regular board meeting in the future, not a special one.

5. ADJOURN

Motion by Town Board Commissioner Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.