

August 13, 2024

Schultzville, NY

A public hearing on The Ruskey Lane properties was held on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Whitton, Deputy Supervisor Werner, Councilman Dykas, Councilwomen Mustello and Councilwoman Auspitz as well as Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were 6 people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:25 PM, Supervisor Whitton called the public hearing to order.

PUBLIC HEARING: NO LEGAL NOTICE TO READ

This is a public hearing concerning the dangerous building issues at 300 and 411 Ruskey Lane. A certified notice was served on the property owner and the notices were also attached to the structures as required by Chapter 116 of the Town Code. The Town Code also calls for a public hearing as an opportunity for interested parties to publicly address the Town Board.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to open the floor to public comments. All aye. Motion carried.

1. The property owner to speak first: Alan Rappleyea representing Jane Krayanbrink. The chief concern is her not going into debt, she is 80 years old and works full time at Williams Lumber. They consulted with a professional to demolish the building at 411. 7-9 large trees need to come down first. Then they will price out the cost of demolishing 411. The second issue there is the garage, it needs repair, she does not plan to demolish. That will be the last thing to do, but it will take time.

Supervisor Mike Whitton said demolition and repair require permits, the deadline to apply for both is Oct.14. Mr. Rappleyea said the timing may be difficult. Jane must be able to afford to do these things. He suggests if the timelines are going to be a problem, he will talk with Attorney Shane Egan and we can solve this together.

Supervisor Whitton said there are two unregistered vehicles that need to be removed or housed. He said that a barrier be put at 411 to be sure no one enters there. Or caution tape would be sufficient.

Councilman Dykas suggests giving the permit without a fee. He also suggests letting the fire department burn it down. Jane has items to be taken out and wants it then demolished does not want to burn it. But first, she wants to transplant certain trees near the house.

Mike Whitton reviewed what the town is requiring. Katherine Mustello said the permits are good for a year, so keep in touch. Alan Rappleyea said if we get the permit, don't expect the work to be done immediately, he wants everyone to be realistic.

MCEI Newman said the October deadline is for the application to be submitted, not the work to be done. There is a fuel oil tank outside and that is a concern, please follow up and prioritize removal of that. The removal of the above ground storage tank is another permit. Agrees caution tape is appropriate.

2. Any other interested party may speak: None.

At 6:36 PM, MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to keep the public hearing open for further comments until 6:25 PM on October 8, 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:36 PM, MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to adjourn the public hearing. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol-Jean Mackin".

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk