

Mexico Town Board
Minutes of the Special Meeting
Held April 25, 2022 at the Town Hall
Commencing at 12:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor
Larry Barber, Councilor
Russell Partrick, Councilor
Cindy Robert, Councilor
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney

Absent: Judy Greenway, Councilor
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

And 8 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened the special Town Board meeting at 12:11 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Seiter stated he contacted 5 different towns to research local laws regarding sawmills and presented what he found to the Planning and Zoning boards.

Councilor Partrick's concerns were reviewed and discussed.

The board reviewed and discussed the following sections of the proposed Local Law 4 of 2022: Sawmill Regulation

#2 Hours of operation - Nancy Weber stated she was told by lawyers at her conference that local law should not have any hours of operation included so asked that #2 be struck from the draft.

#3 - Circular Driveways – The board agreed that a circular driveway is not necessary if there is adequate room for vehicles to drive in and turn around and leave in the same driveway.

#4 - ADA compliant parking – The board agreed that there is already Americans with Disability Act laws on the books and it is not necessary to repeat it. So ADA compliant parking will be struck from the draft.

#5 - All aspects of the sawmill operation – The board discussed placing evergreen trees. Nancy Weber stated the placing of trees would be a case-by-case basis depending on discretion of the boards.

#6 – Discussion of Engineer Inspection of Log Restraints- The board made no changes.

#11 - Maximum noise level – The board discussed questions about enforcing this stipulation including who would measure the sound, how and from where the sound would be measured. The board noted that the town does not own equipment that measures sound.

#15 - Burning shavings, sawdust, refuse – The board discussed the stipulation of the burning of waste materials be limited to burning for home heating use. The board added the purpose of burning for heating any building.

#18 Showroom required - The board agreed to delete this point from the draft.

Allison Trudell reported that the grant for the generator at McAuslan Hall is almost ready for application filing. The hall has been designated by the state as an Emergency Response Shelter. Dave Turner's office has approved the feasibility study for a Sports Complex at the Community Park.

A motion was made by Supervisor Behling and seconded by Councilor Partrick to enter executive session at 1:20 pm to discuss pending litigation. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Barber, Partrick, Robert, and 0 nays. The board withdrew from executive session at 1:35 pm.

A motion was made by Supervisor Behling and seconded by Councilor Robert to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 pm. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 ayes: Behling, Barber, Partrick, Robert, and 0 nays.

Respectfully,

Cynthia Robert
Mexico Town Board Councilor