

DISTRIBUTION LIST

Richard Donovan, Mayor
Edmond Theobald, Trustee
Ronald Cronk, Trustee
William Brazill, Trustee
John Champagne, Trustee
Steven Primo, Attorney
Thomas Petterelli, DPW Superintendent
Janet Stanley, Justice
Richard J. Greene, Codes Enforcement Officer
Chief Pat Flannery
Town of Manlius
Village of Fayetteville
Donna DeSiato, Superintendent ESM School District
Manlius Historical Society
Minoa Library
John Regan

October 1, 2007

**PUBLIC HEARING
LOCAL LAW #8 FOR
2007**

Upon due notice to all members of the Village Board, a Public Hearing was held on Monday, October 1, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 240 N. Main Street, Minoa, NY. The purpose is to consider the enactment of Local Law #8 for 2007 relating to the establishment of Chapter 134 of the Village of Minoa Municipal Code entitled "Prohibition of Illicit Discharges, Activities and Connections to Separate Storm Sewer Systems of the Village of Minoa" relative to the establishment of regulations for non-stormwater discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system of the Village of Minoa.

PRESENT: Mayor Donovan
Trustee Cronk
Trustee Brazill
Trustee Champagne
Trustee Theobald
Attorney Primo
Clerk/Treasurer Snider

ALSO Thomas Petterelli, Mike Pede, and Pat Abbott

PRESENT:

**PROOF OF
PUBLICATION**

A motion was made by Trustee Brazill and seconded by Trustee Cronk agreeing to waive the reading of the Proof of Publication of Public Hearing. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

Mayor Donovan called the Public Hearing to order at 6:32 p.m. for Local Law #8 for 2007 relating to the establishment of Chapter 134 of the Village of Minoa Municipal Code entitled "Prohibition of Illicit Discharges, Activities and Connections to Separate Storm Sewer Systems of the Village of Minoa" relative to the establishment of regulations for non-stormwater discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system

of the Village of Minoa. Mayor Donovan turned the Public Hearing over to Attorney Primo for an overview of the proposed Local Law.

Attorney Primo said the proposed Local Law is the second phase of the Phase II Stormwater requirements specified by New York State. He said the first stage consisted of construction and stormwater control and the second phase deals explicitly with illegal discharges, i.e., gutter hookups. Attorney Primo provided updated copies for the Board to review if necessary.

Mayor Donovan said the Local Law did not need to be approved until January and Attorney Primo said that many municipalities have already budgeted excessive funds to handle the stormwater issues. Attorney Primo said the onus will be on the Village to enforce and the new laws will result in more unfunded mandates from the State.

**COMMENTS FROM
THE VILLAGE
BOARD**

Trustee Cronk asked if there was any financial help for the residents and the Village. Attorney Primo said there might be grants available for residents, but it is their responsibility to apply. Attorney Primo said the Village should try to find the information and resources available for property owners; because once the law is enforced there could be quite a few incidents where the homeowners are not able to make the necessary repairs without financial help. He said Jeff Brown, Mackenzie Hughes, currently offers grant writing services that the homeowners and the Village can utilize for a fee.

Attorney Primo said that it might be possible in the future that a property owner can borrow using the Village's bonding authority and then payments can be included in the tax assessment.

Trustee Cronk asked if roof drainage issues would be grandfathered in and Attorney Primo said any existing problems would not be grandfathered in. Attorney Primo said it will be the Village's responsibility to police and enforce the stormwater laws. He said that many municipalities are budgeting for the enforcement and they recognize that it's difficult to make homeowners fix sewer problems, but it would be a good idea for the Village to provide information and resources.

Trustee Cronk said he was concerned because he does not have gutters and this could be a problem for him. Attorney Primo said it would only be a problem if the gutters drained directly into the sewer system.

Mayor Donovan said it appears that if the State continues to move forward, there

may be a need for a sewer plant for the purpose of managing stormwater and could be expensive. He said the Village of Minoa is heads above the rest of the municipalities thanks to the hard work of Bob Wolf.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Mayor Donovan asked if anyone from the public wished to speak either for or against the proposed Local Law.

Let the record show that no one spoke either in favor or against the proposed Local Law.

PUBLIC HEARING A motion was made by Trustee Cronk and seconded by Trustee Theobald to adjourn the
CLOSED Public Hearing for Local Law #8 for 2007 at 6:40 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Snider
Village Clerk/Treasurer