

MARCH 7, 2016

March 2016 Recorded Record of Public Hearing Galena Mayor and Council Meeting

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Samuel F. Sessa, II, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016.

Those in attendance were Mayor Sam Sessa, Council Members' Bud Felty, Harry Pisapia, and Jackie Duhamell. Also in attendance: Town Attorney, Tom Yeager; Town Engineer Peter Bourne, Clerk/Treasurer, Barbara Shaw; and Town Manager, Sharon Weygand. Absent was Council Member Carroll.

Ordinance No. 2016-01, Text Amendments-Article V. District Regulations section 1. R1 Single Family District, 1.3 Accessory Uses- Add Item #11 Commercial Vehicles Section 3. C1 Commercial District, 3.2 Permitted Uses-Add Item #11 Automobile Repair Shop & #12 Boat Repair and Maintenance shop and 3.3 Permitted Accessory uses-Add Item #3 Outdoor Storage:

Mayor opened up the hearing by reading into the record the advertisement of the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2016-01 along with letters that were received from town residents' Pat Trucksess of 121 N. Main Street and Pastor Robert Hayes of 104 Ashwood Lane both opposing the ordinance.

The following town residents spoke on their concerns of the ordinance:

William Graham, 145 N. Main Street: Message on vehicles 8 ft. x 18 ft. billboard. Taking a step backwards. Suggest to send this ordinance back to Planning & Zoning. Protecting 2 or 3 people. No problem with boat; we don't want to look like Cecilton Garage with all the autos in the parking lot.

Jan Graham, 145 N. Main Street: Discussed what Galena has to offer, the many different businesses we have in Galena. We want people going thru our town to stop and visit our shops. Our center of town should be inviting. Residential is residential. We have many houses in Galena for

sale, vacant and foreclosures. The Mayor and Council need to protect our Town and try to get more people to live in our town. We want of town to stay beautiful. Why not just say no commercial vehicles in residential zone. Doesn't understand why it has to be so difficult.

Steve Oatley, 112 N. Main Street: In business since 1984, I do not live in town but have my business here. I have 4 or 5 boats in rear of the property. Didn't know he apparently was not in compliance. He also stated that 30 days limit is not enough time to repair a boat. It can take up to 2 years to complete the work and a lot of people don't even know they are there.

Betty Carroll, 401 Jarman Avenue: Support what the Graham's have said so far and it is important to keep Galena as attractive as we can. To allow auto repair shops, it would be difficult to keep lines of cars attractive. Scenic Byway comes through Galena. Trucks should park elsewhere not in residential areas. Maybe they can work with Biggs, Fire Company and Jim's Marina to park there.

Michelle Campbell, 116 Cedarwood Drive: Strongly opposed to commercial vehicles parking in residential. Destroy quality of life; you want to be able to look out your window and see the trees. The streets are narrow and hardly enough room for residential vehicles.

Chris DeNamur, 106 Cedarwood Drive: Galena has a nice quiet atmosphere and that is why we chose to live here. Disturbed by large trucks in neighborhood. Concerned about children's safety. Not a good idea. A lot of residents keep their property looking nice. Doesn't want to see autos on corner like Cecilton.

Brent Smith, 100 Hemlock Court: No problem with a resident, with a class 1 truck, who has a HAVC business, etc. Big trucks is a bad idea, especially if it is someone with a junk gene. Galena has charm and everything you need.

Bob Chipriano, 408 Jarman Avenue: I am on the Planning and Zoning Board. He addressed the issue regarding the flyers that was left in his mail box. The two pictures of trucks on the flyers would be allowed under current statues and that is why this ordinance was drawn up. If this ordinance is passed, the pictures on the flyers would be in violation. Also, ordinances are made so the Zoning Administrator has the ability for enforcement. Currently you can park tractor trailers on your property but with this ordinance 95% of houses will not meet the requirements because they are too close together.

Gary Robson, 111 W Cross Street: Should be restricted to Class 2 and not be seen from street. Doesn't see a problem with Oatley Top Shop, you cannot see the boats. Might need to make decisions on a case- by-case basis.

Mike Piasecki, 107 Laura Lane: Urge the Council to look up the meaning of residential and commercial property. Then ask yourself why we would do this.

Albert Creed, 108 Laura Lane: Commercial drivers, it's their lively hood. His work vehicle is 15,000 lbs. with tools and ladder rack. It's a 1 ton, F350, 14 ft. long pickup.

Council Member Pisapia commented the Town is made up of Residential & Commercial but mostly Residential. We need Commercial businesses but need to go back and review this ordinance again.

Council Member Duhamell commented that he feels the residents are missed informed about 16,000 pound vehicles. David Shaw, a resident in Dogwood Village, has his work pickup truck which has a utility bed and weighs 16,000 pounds. The cab tractor weighs more than 16,000 pounds.

Council Member Felty agreed with Council Member Duhamell. The intent of this ordinance was to live peacefully with our neighbors. Agrees to review again but doesn't see a big change in the ordinance.

Approval of the March 7, 2016, Public Hearing Audio Minutes: **Council Member Pisapia motioned to accept minutes as recorded; Council Member Felty second motion, all present were in favor.**

Adjournment of Public Hearing: There being no further discussion regarding Ordinance 2016-01, Ordinance to Amend the Galena Zoning Ordinance to Provide for Additional Permitted and Accessory uses in the Commercial District and to provide for Additional Accessory in the Single Family Residential District. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Shaw

Clerk-Treasurer