

PLANNING BOARD
Village of East Syracuse
March 8, 2011

Chairperson Ronald Gustafson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of East Syracuse Planning Board for Tuesday, March 8, 2011 to order at 7:00PM.

Present: Planning Board members: Dick Robb, Bob Murphy, Tony Albanese, Claire Johnson and Chairperson Ron Gustafson. Also present: Village Engineers WM Engineers Tom Compoli, Code Enforcement Officer Frank Stirpe, and Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby. Trustee Jodi Gehrke-Turner also attended.

Excused: Planning Board members Mary Albanese and Bonnie Palmer.

On behalf of Verizon Wireless (6504/6508 Basile Rowe): Colman Burke, Project Manager, and Robert Burgdorf, Esq. from Nixon Peabody.

Verizon Wireless
6504/6508 Basile Rowe
Antennae Addition to Cell Tower
Tax Map #007-02-06.9 and 007-02-16

Robert Burgdorf presented that they are applying for site plan approval to add three (3) additional antennae to the 125' existing cell tower located on Basile Rowe. Adding additional antennae will solve their service deficiency in the area and enlarge capacity. Currently Verizon Wireless has 2 antennae at the 125' height and four (4) at 100'. Looking to add one (1) at 125' and two (2) at 100'.

Will also place a small 3x3x6 equipment shelter at base of tower, within the fenced in area.

Mr. Burgdorf reported that the area is zoned light industrial. Need to obtain the recommendation of the Planning Board for approval by the Board of Trustees and the issuance of a communications permit. Understand that SEQR will be done by the Village Board of Trustees. County referral was not necessary.

WM Engineers commented in letter dated January 31, 2011 that need to see the structural analysis performed on foundation to show actual capacities. Find the propagation study satisfactory and shows the need for additional antennas.

Tom Compoli reported delays in getting this information from Tectonic Engineering & Surveying Consultants, PC in Town of Geddes last year as well. Need to see this information before can recommend approval. May have more questions.

Mr. Burgdorf stated they are willing to provide this information and hope to have the ground penetration radar reports prior to the Board of Trustees' review. Verizon has approved the cost of this study.

Mr. Compoli reported that there is no record of any inspection or certification.

Colman Burke reports that Verizon was not the original builder or design. Purchased from PAX. Both PAX and Crown Communications have no records on the foundation. May have been analyzed, but need to see those records now.

Code Enforcement Officer Frank Stirpe reported that he is satisfied with application. Everything has been addressed. Corrected for the record that area is now zoned General Commercial, no longer Light Industrial.

Trustee Jodi Gehrke-Turner had no questions or concerns.

Motion – by C. Johnson, seconded by D. Robb – To recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the site plan application of Verizon Wireless to add three (3) antennae to tower at 6504/6508 Basile Rowe subject to the Village Engineers WM Engineers satisfaction and findings in the structural report on foundations.

Polling the Board: T. Albanese – aye, C. Johnson – aye, B. Murphy – aye, D. Robb – aye, and Chairperson R. Gustafson – aye. Motion carried.

Applicant was advised to have report submitted at least ten days prior to the Board of Trustees' April 4th meeting or will be scheduled for May 2nd.

Other Business

Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby provided an update on progress with the Brownfield Opportunities Areas program grant. Finally have an executed agreement. Next step is to schedule preliminary meeting with Department of State. Then Steering Committee will convene to review criteria for RFP or RFQ for engineering and/or architectural consultant to guide through the process. Approved \$121,000 for Design Guidelines; Market Analysis and Economic Feasibility studies.

Planning Board members Dick Robb and Bonnie Palmer will do preliminary work on outline for design guidelines. Design Guidelines will be key for future development in the Village particularly on Manlius Street.

Brownfield Opportunity Areas encompasses entire Village not just “bridge to bridge” along Main Street.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia J. Derby
Village Clerk