

TOWN OF OAKFIELD
PUBLIC HEARING CELL TOWER
APRIL 10, 2018

ROLL

CALL: Supervisor Glor
Deputy Supervisor Martin
Councilman Carroll
Councilman Kabel
Councilman Wolcott

OTHERS

PRESENT: Town Clerk Haacke
Superintendent of Highways Dennis
Assessor Flansburg
CEO/ZEO Mikolajczyk
Doug Morrison, Cell Tower Company
Daniel Laub, Cuddy & Feder LLP

MOTION Deputy Supervisor Martin, second Councilman Carroll to open the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm.

Supervisor Glor stated that this was a Public Hearing for a cell tower; which has a proposed placement on property owned by Oakfield Alabama Realty.

Supervisor Glor asked "what the responsibility of the Town is."

Daniel Laub stated that there is no responsibility to the Town. American Tower Company will put the tower up and Verizon will lease. The proposed tower will be built to accommodate other carriers, but the Tower itself is privately owned. The tower will be 155' high and carriers will be added by levels.

Councilman Carroll asked "why this location"?

Mr. Laub stated that there is a slender area of need and this area is very specific to the network.

Supervisor Glor asked where access to the tower would be.

There is an existing farm road; two parcels owned by the same family. There is a variance granted and the tower will be an unmanned facility. A gravel driveway will be built.

Superintendent Dennis asked if any other utility will be required.

Telephone, power and internet will be required.

An easement must be granted to run the utilities. Permits must be obtained for this project stated Dennis.

Mr. Morrison said permit applications will be submitted once final decisions have been made.

Councilman Wolcott asked "should the tower ever have to come down, who would be responsible to do so?"

Since the tower is privately owned, the owning company would take it down.

CEO/ZEO Mikolajczyk stated that there could be a Decommissioning clause in the contract. This can be done because the Town issues the Special Use permit.

Deputy Supervisor Martin asked if the tower will need a house number.

Yes, once approvals are in place.

Superintendent Dennis stated the Town doesn't issue 911 house numbers on land locked parcels. The Board must make the decision; there should be a permanent easement granted for the utilities before the 911 house number is issued.

It was briefly discussed that a fall zone be a part of the contract.

Councilman Carroll asked if the Town declined this parcel would one of the other parcels be chosen.

This parcel fits what they are looking for with the FCC.

MOTION Deputy Supervisor Martin, second Councilman Kabel to close the Public Hearing at 6.28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa M. Haacke,
Town Clerk