

TOWN OF OAKFIELD

PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT SOUTH PEARL STREET ROAD

OCTOBER 13, 2020

ROLL

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Town Clerk Haacke
Assessor Flansburg
Superintendent of Highways Schultz
Deborah Lynch
Mary Jo Matla
Dan Fischer
Deborah Fischer
Natalie Emerson
James Emerson

Supervisor Martin opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 pm and invited members of the audience to speak for or against the Special Use Permit.

(This Special Use Permit is requested by James and Natalie Emerson of South Pearl Street Road, zoned residential. The Special Use Permit is for the permission of chickens)

Dan Fischer:

A neighbor of the applicants
Emerson's chickens are pets
Considers area "Ag" even though neighborhood is not classified as "Ag"
Asking the permit be approved

Deborah Fischer:

Emerson's take great care of their chickens (feels other chickens are jealous)
Chicken coop is great

Mary Jo Matla:

Chickens are friendly and cluck when she is around them
Chickens are well kept
Personally misses the rooster
Once had a Special Use permit herself, for horses
Requests Special Use Permit be issued

Deborah Lynch:

- No problem with the chickens
- Had a Special Use Permit herself
- If there is a violation, the permit can be revoked
- In favor of issuing the Special Use Permit for chickens

Councilman Kabel noted that some people who were at last month's meeting were not in attendance tonight. Mrs. Emerson stated that she has spoken to various neighbors and they do not have an issue with chickens. They do not want roosters.

Mr. Emerson stated that he understands this is a difficult decision and that he and his wife will accept the Board's decision, but he doesn't understand why it would be denied.

Councilman Wolcott asked if the Emerson's were looking at any other animals in the future. Mrs. Emerson stated that she would like to have a horse for her daughter one day.

Mr. Emerson stated that he is going to look into changing the zoning of the area.

With no further discussion, Supervisor Martin closed the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa M. Haacke,
Town Clerk