

## **AVON PLANNING BOARD MINUTES-DECEMBER 12, 2013**

Chairperson Maloney reads Opening Statement and leads salute to the flag.

Attendance:

Egan, Ernst, Kenny, Maloney, F. McGovern, McLaughlin, O'Malley, Talmage, Engineer C.Rooney, Attorney M. Kitrick, Borough Attorney B. Cooke

Absent: Davey, Mahon, R. McGovern, Ryan

First on the agenda is the motion to approve the November 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes. Motion by Kenny seconded by Maloney to approve.

The vote:

Aye: Egan, Ernst, Kenny, Maloney, F. McGovern, McLaughlin, O'Malley,

Abstain: Talmage

Motion is passed.

Second on the agenda is the motion to approve Belletier Resolution. Motion by Egan seconded by McGovern to approve.

The vote:

Aye: Egan, Kenny, Maloney, F. McGovern, McLaughlin, O'Malley

Abstain: Ernst, Talmage

Motion is passed.

Third on the agenda is an Advisory Hearing concerning Municipal Outdoor Advertising Location.

CBS Outdoor is asking for support of the Planning Board for the removal and restructure of the billboard located at 25 Main Street, Block42 Lot 2

Borough Attorney B. Cooke addresses the board as to the Borough and CBS having a long standing relationship and that the municipality has entered into an agreement with CBS Outdoor.

The property has a billboard that has been leased by CBS Outdoor LLC in past years. There exists an I-Beam supported, back to back, static face billboard. CBS has agreed with Avon to restructure and modernize the existing structure with the south facing sign face using LED technology and the north face to remain static.

Attorney Kitrick swears in Engineer Brett Skapinetz, Lou D'Arminio attorney representing CBS Outdoor, Bill Holli representing CBS & Don Aujean VP for Government Affairs in the northeast for CBS Outdoors.

Mr. D'Armino testifies that the billboard has been in the location for 30 years and is in need of modernization and restructuring because of age. The south facing side will have LED panels that are repaired and controlled by computer technology off site.

Engineer Skapinetz exhibits the plans & drawings for the new billboard.

Borough Engineer Rooney questions the safety of the LED and traffic, and liability of the town in the incidence of an accident. Mr. Skapinetz responds that the sign meets all DOT requirements and that there will be no animated movement. The advertisement will change every 8 seconds which is acceptable. The Borough would have no liability.

Discussion follows on the financial benefit to the Borough. The billboard will also be used for local emergencies, Amber Alerts etc.

Motion to support the project by Maloney, seconded by Egan.

The vote:

Aye:

Egan, Ernst, Kenney, Maloney, F. McGovern, McLaughlin, O'Malley, Talmage

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to support the project is passed.

Motion to approve minutes by Egan seconded by McLaughlin at the January 9, 2014 meeting.

The vote

Aye: Egan, Ernst, Maloney, F. McGovern, R. McGovern, McLaughlin, Talmage

No: 0

Abstain: Davey, Ryan

Absent: Mahon, O'Malley

Sheila Sullivan

Planning Board Secretary

