

**July 24, 2008**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Land Use Regulations/Zoning/Moratoria**  
**Savannah Elementary**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The Town Board of the Town of Savannah held a special meeting at the Savannah Elementary School on July 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Land Use Regulations/Zoning and Moratoria.

Members present were:

Kenneth Lauderdale	Supervisor
John Metcalf	Councilman
Carol Spellman	Councilman
Ted Fitch	Councilman
Julie VanLeeuwen	Councilman

Also present: David Mayer-Attorney representation; Amy D'Angelo-Wayne County Planning Dept.; Glenn Cooke-MRB Planner Representative; Brian Secor-Savannah Planning Board Chairman and approximately 75 attendees.

The meeting opened with the introduction of members and representatives from various agencies by Supervisor Lauderdale.

Supervisor Lauderdale presented for those in attendance a view of a map showing zoned areas vs. non-zoned areas in New York State, stating that the Town of Savannah is one of the few towns left with no zoning or concrete land use regulations, leaving the town vulnerable to undesirable businesses. Supervisor Lauderdale further presented a map of the wetlands of the township, noting that the areas that are not wetlands, (approximately 40%) would be targeted for unpalatable businesses looking for unregulated areas.

Supervisor Lauderdale also explained the towns present situation and the perceived problems, giving examples of endeavors that would likely be rejected in other communities such as rendering plants, tire recycling facility, junk yards, landfills and noise generating projects such as concerts, firearm ranges, airfields and race tracks. It was further explained the benefits and the risks of land use regulations/zoning and moratoria.

Amy D'Angelo, of Wayne County Planning, presented handouts on land use tools and what zoning is and what it can and can't do, giving a detailed overview of the handouts.

The floor opened for questions and answers session, where Attorney Dave Mayer, Wayne County Planning agent Amy D'Angelo and MRB representative Glenn Cooke took

questions regarding existing endeavors, future zoned areas, agricultural zoned districts, and process and procedures for a moratoria.

After the questions and answers session a request for show of hands to see who favored moving forward with the land-use regulations returned an overwhelming result of most of the 75 in attendance supporting moving forward to the next stage.

Supervisor Lauderdale noted that the next phase would be to create a zoning commission, declare a moratorium on certain development and work on updating the comprehensive plan.

Supervisor Lauderdale thanked all who attended and noted that the process will continue through town board meetings, special meetings and public hearings and encourages everyone to attend, stating “this is a community effort”.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 00 p.m.

Julie Carey-Town Clerk