

A Public Hearing regarding A Local Law regulating Open Burning was held on Monday March 9, 2009 at the Peru Town Hall.

Those present were Mr. Tom Powers, Councilman; Mr. Cortland Forrence, Councilman; Mr. Pete Glushko, Councilman; Mr. Don Biggs, Town Attorney; and Mrs. Kathleen Flynn, Town Clerk.

Excused, Mr. Don Covell, Supervisor; and Mr. Brandy McDonald, Councilman.

The meeting was opened at 6:35 PM by Mr. Glushko with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** by Mr. Forrence, seconded by Mr. Powers to open the Public Hearing. Ayes 3 Nays 0  
**Motion Carried**

**John Ryan-** States that he did not see the advertisement for this Public Hearing in the Press Republican. Acknowledges that it was in the Legal Section, but indicates that he believes that there should have been an article in the newspaper.

Mr. Ryan also wonders if there is interest and a need for this law. He states that after reading the proposed law, he sees that it will have an impact on him. (He resides on Oakdale Drive)

Mr. Ryan also states that if he is unable to burn brush then perhaps there could be a specific time period to dump the brush at the landfill.

**Lynda LaMountain-** Specifically asks if residents outside of the hamlet are allowed to burn brush. Mr. Glushko and Mr. Powers answers “Yes”, as long as it is 50 feet from a structure. Mrs. LaMountain also asks if a hand built barbecue is allowed. Mr. Powers responds-Yes. This falls under section 4 E 2 of the proposed law.

**Ron LaMountain-**States that he was part of the OWB committee. Mr. LaMountain commends the board with presenting the public with a proposed law for the public to view. He commends Mr. Forrence for agreeing with the fact that perhaps more publicity could and should be done.

Mr. LaMountain likes what he see’s with this proposed law. Mr. LaMountain also encourages the board to re-visit the OWB law and that perhaps both laws would end up “crossing paths”.

**Rick Healy-**States that 50 feet from a structure makes it difficult for him (he lives in the hamlet) and it is too strict. Mr. Healy hopes that the board will take a closer look at that particular part of the law.

**Mr. Don Biggs-Town Attorney-**Informs members that there are a lot of inconsistencies within the presented law and there is wording that makes him uncomfortable. Mr. Biggs believes that this law needs to be re-worked.

**Motion** by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Forrence to close the Public Hearing on the Proposed Local Law Regulating Open Burning at 7:04 PM. Ayes 3 Nays 0

**Motion Carried**

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