**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

Mayor Dennis Lutes presiding

MEMBERS: Judy Einach, Josh Freifeld

EXCUSED: Blake Maras, Johanna Kelley

OTHERS: Rob Genthner, Diana Holt, George Holt, Bonnie Rae Strickland,

Don McCord, Britt Mead, Wendy Dyment, Robert Dyment

**MAYOR/BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #4-2023/MORATORIUM

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. inviting discussion/comments from the public.

Planning Board member, Diana Holt, noted her approval of the overall vision of the new storage facility on North Portage down by the Thruway. This moratorium is not to “limit” things it’s just to define how they will be built.

Planning Board member, Britt Mead, stated she felt this is to be careful of development at any cost.

Trustee Freifeld inquired if there is anything in that Gateway area that will be directly affected by the Moratorium. Planning Board Chairman, Don McCord, reported that because the Village didn’t sell that piece of property the developer had said they would be here a couple weeks ago to start. Will have to see how that proceeds timeline wise. That is the reason for the “hardship clause” provision included in the Law in case something like that came up. This provision allows the Village Board to consider.

Code Officer, Bonnie Rae Strickland, voiced her concerns. She noted another property in that area that sold for just over $200,000 had been sold and a great deal has been done with improvements to it although the plan for the property is unknown at this point.

Another property has been sold that will potentially have one to two business in it which this Moratorium would be a hardship on them that would require a Variance which would be additional hoops for them to go through and would be discouraging.

A question would be what will the district eliminate and what will those guidelines be?

The Mayor noted the Law states that this will expire without further action of the Village Board

6 months following the effective date and shall no longer be in effect.

**Following discussion, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously.**

ACTION

Action taken from the Hearing is as follows:

**The board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously to approve the Local Law #4-2023 as it was presented.**

**There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously.**