

TOWN OF CHAMPION PLANNING BOARD

The Town of Champion Planning Board met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at the Town of Champion Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were members F. Brooks, T. Irej, C. Johnson, C. Richards and J. Surace. Chairman Surace called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Motion by C. Richards, seconded by C. Johnson to approve the minutes of October 22, 2024 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on a special permit for Verizon Wireless to construct a telecommunication tower on parcel no. 85.00-2-44.1, owned by Paul Hutton and located at 33745 Whitaker Road was called to order.

The following persons spoke against the proposed construction: Michelle and Thomas Wojcikowski, Lonny Harper, Josue Cruz, Deborah Smith, and Elena Golovina and cited reasons including, but not limited to, health concerns, the close vicinity of residences, property values, and the town comprehensive plan.

Att. Hyde Clarke, representing Verizon Wireless, responded to some of the concerns stating that the proposed tower was setback 250' from the road and that the tower does not require a light. A site acquisition representative explained that potential sites are identified for specific criteria including topography, adequate acreage and the ability to provide coverage. In this case 35 properties were identified. Fifteen owners expressed interest and the Whitaker Road site was chosen. Att. Clarke stated that he can provide additional information for the Board.

No persons from the public spoke in favor of the construction. Chairman Surace closed the public hearing at 4:43pm.

Motion by J. Surace, seconded by C. Richards to table the decision to give board members an opportunity to inspect the proposed site and consider additional information. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Richards, seconded by T. Irej to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:54pm.

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