



VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE

MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 425 HILLSIDE AVENUE, HILLSIDE, IL 60162 AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Joseph T. Tamburino. The following members responded as present at roll call:

Mayor	- Joseph T. Tamburino
Clerk	- Linda L. Gould
Trustees	- Herman L. Walter, Jr.
	- Frank J. Lomeli, Sr.
	- David V. Delgado
	- John N. Kramer
	- Claudell Johnson
	- Marvin A. Watson
Absent	- None

Also present were: Joseph Pisano, Village Administrator; Dan Murphy, Police Chief; Ken Carling, Fire Chief; Joseph Beckwith, Assistant Administrator, Communications and Technology Director; Sandy Lozano, Village Treasurer

PURPOSE OF HEARING:

The public hearing is for the purpose of considering amendments to the text of the Village Zoning Ordinance to establish a specific additional commercial use under the Village Zoning Ordinance, namely "data centers", to define that specific use, to consider the density, building height and parking space requirements for such uses and whether to include those uses as a Permissible Use or Special Use within the existing Business and Manufacturing Zoning Districts of the Village.

Discussion

Mayor Tamburino explained Data Centers are a big issue in Illinois. They require few employees, there is not a lot of traffic and are a good tax provider. He then turned the hearing over to Administrator Pisano.

Administrator Pisano reported the hearing tonight is basically to make a language change to the Ordinance that would allow Data Centers. He continued, Data Centers are relatively a new type of use, that were previously housed within companies that were utilizing that type of data. This has now expanded to off-site use, which is the purpose for the language change. This would be a Special Use that would go in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission for them to grant or deny and then be presented before the Village Board for final approval.

Administrator Pisano also said having this as a Special Use allows the Village Board to annually review the Special Use and to correct or cease operations if the requirements are not upheld. Administrator Pisano turned the hearing over to Attorney Deady.

Attorney Deady reported the last time the Zoning Ordinance was amended was in 2005 and Data Centers were not a defined use. He explained the Data Center would need to have access to high-speed internet and a large degree of power. This might not be available in every location within the Village of Hillside, but it might be accessible in certain districts that are otherwise not zoned for its purpose. The Village Zoning Board is required to have a Public Hearing on this issue.

As there was no further discussion before the Board, Mayor Tamburino entertained a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

So moved by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Walter.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:


Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado,
Kramer, Johnson, Watson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried .

Adjournment: 7:11 P.M.


Linda L. Gould
Clerk