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TOWN BOARD COUNTY OF ALBANY

TOWN OF COLONIE

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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SUBSEQUENT VOTES IN RELATION TO THE  
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF  
COLONIE, CHAPTER 181 ENTITLED VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC  
CODIFICATION

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THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the above entitled matter  
by NANCY L. STRANG, a Shorthand Reporter commencing on  
October 24, 2019 at 7:18 p.m. at Memorial Town Hall,  
534 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York

BOARD MEMBERS:

- PAULA MAHAN, SUPERVISOR
- LINDA MURPHY, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
- DAVID GREEN
- MELISSA JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN
- PAUL ROSANO
- CHRISTOPHER CAREY
- JENNIFER WHALEN

ALSO PRESENT:

- Michael C. Magguilli, Esq, Town Attorney
- Julie Gansle, Town Clerk
- Jonathan Teale, Chief of Police

1 MS. GANSLE: This public hearing is being held  
2 by order of the Town Board to your all persons in  
3 relation to the proposed Local Law amending the Code of  
4 the Town of Colonie, Chapter 181 entitled vehicle and  
5 traffic codification by amending Schedule 7, speed  
6 limits.

7 Notice of the public hearing has been  
8 published in the official Town newspaper which is the  
9 Spotlight and has been posted in the Town Clerk's  
10 bulletin board. I have an affidavit for each. The Town  
11 Board will now hear all persons interested in this  
12 matter.

13 MR. MAGGUILLI: With this public hearing is to  
14 amend our Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 181 to reduce  
15 the speed limit on .7 miles or so of the road on Sand  
16 Creek Road between the intersection of Sand Creek and  
17 Watervliet Shaker Road by the boundary of the Village of  
18 Colonie. This request comes from the Village itself and  
19 basically what this does is it makes the entire stretch  
20 of Sand Creek Road a 30 mile an hour stretch of road  
21 instead of having that .7 tenths of a mile before the  
22 miles per hour.

23 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: As Mr. Magguilli said, this  
24 was a request from Mayor Leak the Village of Colonie and  
25 after looking at this, it's basically just making it

1 consistent. It will help with the Colonie Village  
2 portion of the road and the Town of Colonie portion.

3 Does anyone have any questions from the  
4 Board?

5 (There was no response.)

6 Anybody from the audience on the section of  
7 road?

8 (There was no response.)

9 We'll close a public hearing.

10 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution adopting a  
11 proposed Local Law amending Chapter 181 of the Town of  
12 Colonie Code entitled vehicle and traffic by amending  
13 the following schedule there of, schedule seven, speed  
14 limits.

15 MR. ROSANO: So moved.

16 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Second.

17 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye. Clerk,  
18 call the roll.

19 MS. GANSLE: Councilman Rosano?

20 MR. ROSANO: Aye.

21 MS. GANSLE: Whalen?

22 MS. WHALEN: I just have a question.

23 Procedurally, how is this - - will they put a sign up to  
24 let the residents know that seven-tenths of a mile  
25 stretch speed limit has been changed? Will traffic

1 safety put up a sign that says 30 miles an hour just so  
2 people know?

3 What we change the speed limit, Chief?

4 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Yes, the speed limit sign  
5 will be changed

6 MS. WHALEN: Like, are we going to put a new  
7 speed limit sign in this area so that people are aware  
8 of the change?

9 MR. TEALE: We would have to.

10 MS. WHALEN: When will this go into effect and  
11 is there a sign in the works so that someone driving  
12 down that stretch of the seven-tenths of the road  
13 tomorrow will know that the speed limit is no longer 40  
14 but it's now 30, consistent with the rest of that?

15 MR. MAGGUILLI: This Local Law will not  
16 actually go into effect until we get our filing receipt  
17 back from the New York State Secretary of State.

18 So, what typically happens is that Julie and  
19 I sign affidavits that what we are sending to the  
20 Department of State is an accurate rendition of the  
21 Local Law that was adopted this evening. They will  
22 file that Local Law and mail a receipt back to Julie  
23 and my office and then the law goes into effect. We  
24 notify the Highway Department and Police Department  
25 and then the signs go up. That is totally dependent on

1 the Secretary of State. It can take anywhere from  
2 three weeks to three months. They are usually pretty  
3 good about it.

4 MS. WHALEN: Do you anticipate putting a new  
5 sign up in that area or is there one already there that  
6 will be taken down and changed?

7 MR. TEALE: Whatever signs are up there now  
8 that are incorrect will have to be replaced. As soon as  
9 they are replaced, we will be able to enforce the speed  
10 limit.

11 MS. WHALEN: So, are there signs that say 40  
12 and then 30?

13 MR. TEALE: Currently there are.

14 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The enforcement would go by  
15 the sign that is existing there now until the new one is  
16 replaced. It's not like it's going to say 40 and then  
17 get a ticket when it's 30 because it's not in effect  
18 yet. As long as the 40 mile an hour sign is up there -

19 MS. WHALEN: So, there is a sign there now, do  
20 you think?

21 MR. TEALE: Yes, there is.

22 MS. WHALEN: Okay, thank you.

23 MS. GANSLE: How do you vote?

24 MS. WHALEN: Yes.

25 MS. GANSLE: VonDollen?

1 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Aye.

2 MS. GANSLE: Murphy?

3 MS. MURPHY: Aye.

4 MS. GANSLE: Green?

5 MR. GREEN: Aye.

6 MS. GANSLE: Carey?

7 MR. CAREY: Aye.

8 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam

9 Supervisor.

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

11 (Where is the above entitled proceeding was  
12 concluded at 7:22 p.m.)

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I, NANCY L. STRANG, Shorthand Reporter and  
Notary Public in and for the State of New York, hereby  
CERTIFY that the record taken by me at the time and  
place noted in the heading hereof is a true and  
accurate transcript of same, to the best of my ability  
and belief.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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