

Village of Voorheesville  
Planning Commission  
Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Avenue  
June 2, 2020

Approved  
07/14/2020

**This meeting/Public Hearing was held via Zoom video conferencing due to COVID-19 restrictions.**

**Present:** Chairman Georgia Gray, Board members, Kitty Scharl, Kevin Garrity, Chuck Dollard, Dave Prendergast, Mike McTague, Steve Reilly and Alternate Harvey Huth, CEO Steve Mason, Atty. Rich Reilly

**Others:** Trustee Jack Stevens, Lauren Sherman (CT Male, engineer for Village), Atlas Copco: Scott Kaffka, Todd Doherty, Jim Ryan, Preston Filkins, Harold Boice, Steve Taylor, resident Laura Minnick and Sean Mulkerrin (The Enterprise)

***On the agenda: the continuation of a Public Hearing for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review request from Atlas Copco (AC) for a proposed addition to their manufacturing plant's test building located at 46 School Road.***

**Chairman Gray opened the meeting and Public Hearing for the Site Plan Review application at 7:34 PM**

Chairman Gray noted that the Public Hearing was still open and that comments received during the May 12 meeting were positive. She noted that no written comments had been received by either the Building Dept. or Village Hall. She once again opened the forum for any additional comments from the public. None were received.

**Chairman Gray closed the PH at 7:37** and proceeded with the Special Use Permit review.

Mr. Kaffka noted that nothing had changed regarding the plans for the proposed expansion to the testing facility. There was discussion once again regarding noise and Atlas Copco on-going efforts towards abatement. It was reiterated that Atlas Copco is required to keep a record of complaints and they are willing to share these complaints with the Village.

Board member Scharl wanted to confirm that the Village Engineer was satisfied with everything. Lauren Sherman noted there were 3 items from the most recent communications that have not yet been addressed. Jim Ryan of Atlas Copco indicated he did not recall seeing the letter she mentioned but assured her all 3 items mentioned would be taken care of. Ms. Sherman noted she had resent the message during the current conversation.

Chairman Gray completed the SEQRA review with the Board – *see attached*

For item #13 Jim Ryan from Atlas Copco noted the wetlands were delineated on the 2008 plat plan submitted for the first addition and indicated the proposed expansion will not come anywhere near the wetlands.

For item # 17 Mr. Ryan indicated that the Stormwater drains into an existing system and none will reach onto neighboring properties.

For Part 2, Questions 1 – 11 all answers by the Board were “No.”

As there was no further discussion of the SEQRA review, **Board member Scharl made the motion that the Board finds that the application for the proposed expansion to the test facility will have no negative environmental impact. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board member Reilly. All members in attendance agreed.**

CEO Mason noted that the application also required a Special Use Permit. Atty. Reilly explained that Atlas Copco had been granted a Special Use Permit in the past for the test facility but because they are now requesting an alteration to that building they must come back before the Board. He also noted that the Board could make just one decision for both the SPR and SUP.

After brief discussion the Board agreed that they had no issues with the SUP and proceeded to consider probable conditions for any approval. **Once the Board came to a consensus Board member Reilly made the motion, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Board member Garrity, that the Board approves the Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit requests with the following conditions:**

- **That the 3 outstanding issues from the CT Male engineer review dated April 28, 2020 be fulfilled by the end of June**
- **That the new, highly specialized space will perform as specified in multiple meetings and will not increase the sound levels detected beyond the boundaries of the site**

- **In the event that if there is a complaint made to Atlas Copco the Village will be notified of the complaint and details surrounding it – with Village also sharing all complaints with Atlas Copco**
- **Atlas Copco shall remit an annual noise update annually to the Building Department**
- **That if any changes are made to the use of this specialized building that could potentially increase noise levels Atlas Copco must come back before the Planning Commission for additional review**

**All Board members present agreed. Motion, with conditions stated, passed unanimously.**

### **Minutes**

**After review of the May 12, 2020 minutes, Board member Garrity made the motion that the Board approves of the minutes with typo corrections having been noted. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board member Scharl. All agreed. Motion passed.**

**At 8:20 PM Board member Garrity made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board member Prendergast. All agreed.**

Submitted Respectfully,

Karen Finnessey  
Recording Secretary