

**TOWN OF NIAGARA
TOWN BOARD MEETING
7105 Lockport Road
Niagara Falls, NY 14305**

MINUTES

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022
6:30 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING

None

OPEN MEETING (Pledge, Roll Call)

Supervisor Lee Wallace called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attached is a Memorial Page of all the deceased Town residents who passed away recently.

Roll Call:

Present: Supervisor Lee S. Wallace, Deputy Supervisor Charles F. Teixeira, Councilman Richard A. Sirianni, Councilman Samuel Gatto, Councilman Marc M. Carpenter

Absent: None

Excused: None

Also, present Sylvia Virtuoso, Town Clerk

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Announce changes to agenda, if any)

(§50-3 Privilege of the floor. Only members of the public sector are allowed to speak at this time and may address any agenda or non-agenda item.

(3-minute limit)

21 People spoke at this time within their 3 minute limit.

Gumwant Sodhi, 9701 Porter Road has a problem with fires, etc submits all paperwork to backup his complaint. The following spoke in favor of Amazon, Michael Casale, Niagara County Economic Development, Susan Haseley, 8900 Lockport Road would also like a 50% tax break for all Packard Road residents, Lloyd Haseley also of 8900 Lockport Road lives across the street from project location, also in favor. Mr. Scherrer, IBEW represents labor supports the project but also wishes to see the traffic situation addressed. The following spoke of their concerns about the project, mostly traffic concerns, Abe Aviles, 8090, Betty Golaszewski, 8120 Packard Road, Kim Pollock 8150 Packard, Robert Taylor 8150 Packard Road, John Orefice 7513 Packard Road, Gary Haseley 10420 Packard Road, Dan Lum 7427 Packard Road, Janine D'Antuono 9635 Lockport Road, Joe Corio 7525 Packard Road, Garrett, Rutkowski Haseley Drive, Lisa, Krawczak 3180 Beechwood Circle, Maria Ogniebene, 8030 Cherry Lane, Tom Weber 7625 Packard Road, AJ Scalzo 7409 Packard Road, Ron McCarthy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Town Board Meeting of **May 24, 2021**

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter, second by Councilman Gatto.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund prepay vouchers [A] \$19,354.06

General Fund vouchers [A] \$159,271.61
Sewer Fund prepay vouchers [G] \$778.60
Sewer Fund vouchers [G] \$9,873.60
Water Fund vouchers [F] \$20,889.05
Water Fund vouchers prepay [F] \$1632.23
Highway Fund vouchers [DA] \$16,488.41
Highway Fund prepay vouchers [DA] \$157.33
Fire Protection prepay vouchers [SF]
Fire Protection [SF] \$45,861.82
Street Lighting vouchers [SL]
Street Lighting Pre-Pay vouchers [SL] \$8,545.63
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay vouchers [TA] \$3787.14
Trust & Agency vouchers [TA] \$8,546.40
Capital Projects prepay vouchers [H]
Capital Projects vouchers [H] \$28,762.75

Motion to approve by Councilman Gatto, second by Councilman Carpenter.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

AGENDA

1. Resolution to purchase replacement ID Card unit from Linstar in the amount of \$6,494.00.00.
Funding to come from the Town's American Rescue Funds. (Suitor)

Motion to approve by Councilman Gatto, second by Councilman Teixeira.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

2. Resolution to approve the SEQRA determination of significance for the final site plan request to include the consolidation of lots of Phillips Lytle LLP, Agent for JB2 Partners, LLC, 8995 Lockport Road/Tax Map #132.18-1-2, #146.05-1 -9, #146.06-1 & 2. (Haseley)

Motion to approve by Councilman Gatto, second by Councilman Carpenter.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

(Councilman Sirianni makes a statement which is attached.)

3. Resolution to appoint Mr. Michael Martino to the Town of Niagara Board of Assessment Review effective June 1, 2022 to fill the vacancy of Mr. Dennis Collins who has resigned to take a position on the Town of Niagara Planning Board. Term to last until December 30, 2023. (Wallace)

Motion to approve by Councilman Gatto, second by Councilman Carpenter.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

4. Resolution to approve the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds Supplement #2 2022 for road repair pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of Highway Law in the amount of \$149,735.90. (Herman)

Motion to approve by Councilman Gatto, second by Councilman Carpenter.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

5. Resolution to utilize the following companies in case of an emergency for the water or sewer department in case our crews cannot fix the problem, Mark Cerrone Inc., Kandy Company Inc., Catco. (Beiter)

Motion to approve by Councilman Gatto, second by Councilman Carpenter.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

6. Resolution calling for a Public Hearing on July 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm to consider proposed Local Law No. 2022-3 revising sections in Chapters 155 and 121 of the Town Code to comply with changes to the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the Uniform Code) and the State Energy Conservation Code as mandated by the State. (Risman)

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira, second by Councilman Sirianni.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

7. Resolution to approve the Junkyard Renewal License of Garlock's Auto Inc., 2360 Maryland Ave. (Virtuoso)

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira, second by Councilman Carpenter.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

8. Resolution to declare a negative declaration on the associated SEQRA for the final site plan request of David Giusiana, agent for Niagara Industrial Mechanical Services, 3507 Hyde Park Blvd. Tax Map 130.19-2-7. (Haseley)

Motion to approve by Councilman Gatto, second by Councilman Teixeira.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

9. Resolution to approve the final site plan request of David Giusiana, agent for Niagara Industrial Mechanical Services, 3507 Hyde Park Blvd. 130.19-2-7. (Haseley)

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Sirianni.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

10. Resolution to approve the newly negotiated 5-year Town of Niagara Police Contract. The contract runs from 2022-2026. (Wallace)

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter, second by Councilman Gatto.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Motion carried.

TABLED

1. Resolution to declare a negative declaration on the associated SEQRA for the combination of lots/final site plan request of Wayside Nursery Inc., 7431 Porter Road, Tax Map #'s 145.12-32, 33 and 34. (Haseley)
2. Resolution to approve the combination of lots and final site plan request of Wayside Nursery Inc., 7431 Porter Road, Tax Map #145.12-32, 33, 34. (Haseley)
3. Resolution on the final site plan request to include the consolidation of lots of Phillips Lytle LLP, Agent for JB2 Partners LLC 8995 Lockport Road/Tax Map #132.18-1-2, #146.05-1-9, #146.06-1 & 2. (Haseley)

COMMENTS

Supervisor Wallace briefly explains the benefits of the Amazon project and how our local budget works and what the future holds.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Sirianni. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sylvia Virtuoso
Town Clerk**

THE MONTHLY AGENDA IS ON THE TOWN WEBSITE
www.townofniagara.com

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph Bresko

Bernetta B. Kraatz

Charles William Falbo

John Ivan Lozina

Patricia F. Crotty

GIST (WITH TESTIMONIALS) OF POINTS RAISED BY GUNWANT
SODHI DURING TOWN BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 21, 2022

Greetings: GOOD EVENING, everybody.

Self-introduction

1. A veteran from Indian Army & US Citizen: Attached, Page No. 3 refers. 2. Own and manage multiple properties in / around Niagara Falls.

Grievance(s)

1. My several complaints have not only met with an unknown fate but also my requests to discuss the matter in person remain ignored.
2. The situation has gone worse to an extent that I received a threat call.

How am I Affected

My wife and myself- both Sr. Citizens, are subjected to smoke, foul smell, noise disturbance and safety of our property is put at stake due to frequent open burnings.

DBA Chris' Property Maintenance (CPM)

- I. CPM's business Location: Garage of 9703 Porter Road and open ground of 9799 Porter Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14304: Attached Page No. 4 & 5 refers,
 2. It is perceived that CPM has no business registration in Niagara County and / or Town of Niagara.
 3. As per ruling from the Town of Niagara Zoning, CPM cannot occupy the structure (9703 and 9799 Porter Road) nor its grounds for any commercial enterprise with open burning never being allowed in any district throughout the Town, Attached Page No. 10 refers.
 4. Parking commercial vehicles and machinery in open ground is violative of para-G of Rule 122-2 of Town of Niagara. Attached Page No. 6 refers.

Complaints / Action Taken

1. Complaint No. 1: May 20, 2021; fire damage to my private fence on located on my property line. Attached Page No. 7, 8, 9 & 10 refers.
2. Complaint No. 2: September 12, 2021. Attached Page No. 11 & 12 refers.
3. Complaint No. 3: May 25, 2022, Attached Page No. 13 refers,
4. Additional Evidence (videos) of Burning Fire: May 30, 2022 and June 6, 2022. Attached Page No. 14 & 15 refers
5. Complaint No. 4: June 6, 2022; Email to Lee Wallace, Town Supervisor. Attached Page No. 16 refers. The email highlights that on June 5 at 8,47pm. Christopher Dingey of the CPM called and threatened me over phone, I quote:

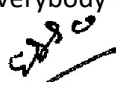
'tIf you have problem, I am going to start messing up with what you do to support your family"

Note: All videos and pictures are a record in case file(s).

1. Unjust, unfair and disturbing commercial business activity from the premises of 9703 & 9799 Porter Road please be ceased.
2. Enforcement of no parking of commercial vehicles in 9703 & 9799 Porter Road, Niagara Falls.
3. Instruct the property owner to haul away waste materials / piles of wood / trash from the open area of 9799 Porter Road, Niagara Falls.
4. Thoughtful consideration by Town Board Members and passing appropriate resolution of my grievances shall be appreciated.
5. Open to discuss the matter in person with any of the Town Board Members.

Conclusion

I thank everybody for patient hearing,



Gunwant Sodhi
 9701 Porter Road
 Niagara Falls, NY 14304
 Email: gunwantin@yahoo.com
 Phone: 716-804-3471

Total No. of Pages: 16

Distribution

Town Clerk, Town of Niagara- Please circulate my gist (with testimonials) to
 Town Board . Members for passing appropriate
 resolution.

Chris" Property Maintenance

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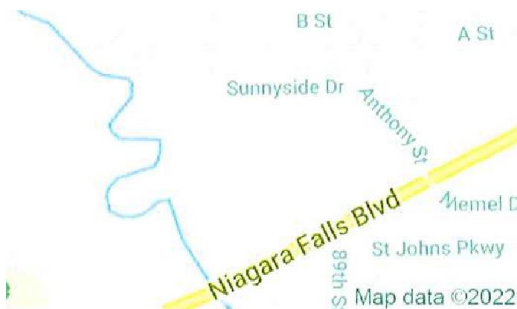
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Wed 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thu 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Fri 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Open

Sat 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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Niagara Falls, NY 14304

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CPM
Chris' Property Maintenance
716-909-5581

FREE ESTIMATES

- Power Washing
- Deck, Fence & Driveway
- Patio Furniture
- Sump-pump & Reverse Osmosis
- Property Cleanup
- Gutter and Air Conditioning
- Crab Appraisal
- Lawn Mowing
- Gutter Cleaning
- Snowblowing

Saturday, June 18, 2022

Chapter 122. Property Maintenance

§ 122-2. Maintenance of open areas.

- A. Surface and subsurface water shall be appropriately drained to protect buildings and structures and to prevent the development of stagnant ponds.
- B. All drainage water from roof surfaces of residential buildings shall be properly drained into a sewer or other facility or body of water, or by any alternate method approved by the Building Inspector. No buildings or structures shall discharge roof drainage on sidewalks, stairs or neighboring property.
- C. Fences and other minor construction shall be maintained in good repair and in a safe condition.
- D. Steps, walks, driveways, parking spaces and similar paved areas shall be maintained so as to afford safe passage under normal use and weather conditions,
- E. Yards, courts and vacant lots shall be kept clean and free of physical hazards, rodent harborage and infestation.
- F. Heavy undergrowth and accumulations of plant growth which are noxious or detrimental to health shall be eliminated.
- G. Residential, commercial, and industrial properties shall not have open or outdoor storage of inventory, goods, materials, products, or personal property, whether new or used, or for intended sale, use, reuse or disposal or any other proposed use.

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MAY 21 2020

Gunwant Sodhi

9701 Porter Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Phone: (716) 803-3471

TOWN OF
NIAGARA
BLOG,
INSP.
OFFICE

May 17, 2021

Jeff Williams

636 Mountain View Or
Lewiston, NY 14092

FIRE INCIDENT: DAMAGE TO PRIVATE FENCE

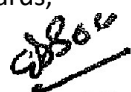
Dear Mr. Williams,

I own the property, 9701 Porter Road adjacent to your property 9703 Porter Road, Niagara Falls, NY.
This is to inform you that about 2:10 pm on May 15, 2021 there was smoke, and I heard smoke detectors beeping in my house. It revealed that fire broke out in the backyard/open lot at your property premises. Emergency service (911) responders, Police & Fire Department reached at the site and extinguished the fire. Enclosed are the pictures for your information.

The fire caused damage to my private fence located on my property line. By a copy of this correspondence, I am approaching Fox Fence Inc. to ascertain the extent of damage and estimated repair cost, Further communication will follow upon hearing from Fox Fence Inc.

For additional information, if any, please contact (716) 804-3471 or email me at GUNWANTIN@YAHOO.COM

Best Regards,


Gunwant Sodhi

Enclosed:

Copy each to:

Fox Fence inc.
2637 Lockport Road
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

Request for repair estimate, please.

Town of Niagara, Civil Hall
7105 Lockport Road
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

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TOWN OF NIAGARA

7105 LOCKPORT ROAD
NIAGARA FALLS NY 14305

COUNTY OF NIAGARA, STATE OF NEW

DEPARTMENT YORK

OF INSPECTIONS

CHARLES E, HASELEY, BUILDING INSPECTOR

COMPLAINT FORM

MAY 24

OF NIAGARA
BLDG. INSP.
OFFICE

Date May 20,

Address of Apparent Violation

9703 & 9799 Porter Rd, Niagara Falls

Name of

Complainant

Gurwant Sodhi

Address of Complainant 9701 Porter Rd, Niagara

Phone (716) 804-3471

Nature of

Complaint:

Please refer my correspondence dated
May 17, 2021 (copy attached)

Unable to figure out who owns
9703 Porter Rd property; its rented property.

It is unclear as to what is zoning of my
backyard/open lot and its legitimate usage

Necessary steps required to avoid
recurrence of these incidents in future.

Request. To schedule meeting with
Charles Haseley, Building Inspector
to discuss the matter better in
person.

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TOWN OF NIAGARA
COUNTY OF NIAGARA, STATE OF NEW YORK
NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

297-9262
NEAGARA FALLS, NY 14305www.townofniagara.com

PHONE: (716) 297-



2150 7th LOCKPORT ROAD FAX: (716)

5/26/2021

Gunwant Sodhi
9701 Porter Rd.
Niagara Falls NY 13304

Re: Fire Incident / property damage
Unsecured / vacant properties complaint
9703 & 9799 Porter road
Tax Map 146.19-1-4 and 146.19-1-5

Dear Mr. Sodhi,

This letter is to confirm The Town of Niagara is in receipt of the above referenced complaint and have opened a case file on the subject matter.

It is this offices understanding due to the previous fire related damage occurred to your perimeter fence at your residence, you are requesting:

- 1.) Town contact information for the owners of the adjacent properties of which the fire originated.
- 2.) The Town of Niagara Zoning designation of the adjacent parcels (9703 & 9799 Porter Rd.)
- 3.) An onsite meeting with the Town representatives to discuss matters.

To date this office through town records searches, have compiled the following for your viewing / use:

- 1.) The applicable portion of the Towns Tax Map 146.19-1-4, of which illustrates by linear feet the dimensions of, and the correlation of your lot and the adjacent lots 9703 & 9799 Porter Rd.
- 2.) Copies of the Town Assessor's Individual lot assessment data sheet for each, 9703 & 9799 Porter Rd., of which lists the owner of the lots as being one in the same, (Lewiston Management Group LLC,) with a mailing address of 2475 Military Road Niagara Falls , NY 14304.
- 3.) Lewiston Management Group LLC, Has no current Town of Niagara Business registration for 2475 Military Rd.
- 4.) Lewiston Management Group LLC. Currently has an open water service account with the Town of Niagara Water Sewer Department for 2475 Military Rd, with a billing address on file for Lewiston Management Group LLC. of 4812 University CT Niagara Falls , NY 14305

5.) The premise known as 9799 Porter rd. is categorized by the Town as vacant, with no current business registered with the Town of Niagara.

6.) The Town of Niagara has no current Landlord license on file for the rental property known as 9703 Porter Rd., and as such the tenant information has not been provided.

9701 Porter Rd cont.

Page 2

7.) The Zoning of 9799, 9703 Porter Rd. and your lot alike carry a (B-1) Zoning designation, General Business.

The Town of Niagara Zoning Ordinance only allows one principle use on a lot, of which for you at 9701 Porter Rd. and the adjacent residence at 9703 Porter Rd. is deemed a legal non-conforming use ("grandfathered ") single family home (R-1). The premise 9799 Porter, having no business registration, nor a required certificate of occupancy cannot occupy nor use the structure nor its grounds for any commercial enterprise, with open burning never being allowed in any district throughout the Town.

With the new found Knowledge of the aforementioned, this office, in the near future will be contacting the owner of 9703 and 9799 Porter Rd. to identify any apparent violations and compel compliance measures are taken to rectify the same, and as an end result, hopefully ward off any future hazardous conditions of which may cause your person or property harm.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for bringing this matter to the Towns attention and thank you in advance for your continued patience in these matters

As always should you and or any of your agents have any questions, and or wish to set an appointment with our office for an onsite meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned

Respectfully,

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Charles Eb Haskley
Building Inspector

. CC: Town Attorney / Mike Risman

ENCL.

COMPLAINT

From: Gunwant Sodhi (gunwantin@yahoo.com) To: chaseley@townofniagara.com

Date: Sunday, September 12, 2021, 05:55 PM EDT

Dear Mr Haseley,

Attached 'Complaint Form' is for your information and necessary action, please.

Kindly let me hear any additional information, if you need any.

Best Regards,

Gunwant Sodhi
9701 Porter Road
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
(716) 804-3471

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TOWN OF NIAGARA
7105 LOCKPORT ROAD
NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14305
COUNTY OF NIAGARA, STATE OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS
CHARLES E. HASELEY, BUILDING INSPECTOR
COMPLAINT FO

Tod Date: 09/12/2021

Addr of Apparent Violation: 9703 & 9799 Porter Rd., Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Complainant: Gunwant Sodhi

Addr of Complainant: 9701 Porter Rd., Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Phone: (716) 804-3471

Complaint: Violation of Building Code 122-2. Maintenance of open areas.

of of 9703 Porter Road drains into my property resulting basement water kage.

- 2 Unable to maintain my private fence due to ivy and bushes ingress through fencing slats from the neighboring property.
- 3 T e yard and vacant lot adjacent to my property not kept clean chances of physical hazard, rodent harborage and infestation.
- 4 Heavy undergrowth and accumulation of plants growth are noxious and detrimental to health.

yard and vacant lot is commercially used as outdoor dumping/storage

Name of

Nature of Co

1. Roof — •dènt water leaka

5. The yard and vacant lot is with parking of commercial vehicles/trailers/heavy equipment.

Contact Information: Building Office Phone: 716-297-2150 ext. 125
 Building Office Fax: 716-297-9262
 Building Office E-Mail: chaseley@townofniagara.com

Re: COMPLAINT

From: Gunwant Sodhi (gunwantin@yahoo.com)
To: chaseley@townofniagara.com
Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 10:07 PM EDT

Dear Mr. Haseley,

This may please be read in conjunction with my original complaint dated September 12, 2021 , and your response thereto.

9799 Porter Road (Backyard) open area looks like a garbage/dumping yard with heap of drywood (please see the attached pictures).

The situation worsened to an extent that today evening my wife had to call 911 due to unbearable foul smell. My wife was literally hospitalized had the cops not timely intervened.

Additionally, family's general safety and well-being are compromised due to possible threat of personal bodily injury and / or property damage caused by future partial or complete collapse of the dry tree seen in the picture. I request for a meeting to discuss my concerns better in person. Kindly indicate your availability.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gunwant Sodhi
9701 Porter Road
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
(716) 8043471

Fw. • 9799 PORTER ROAD OPEN YARD- WHOLE NIGHT: BURNING WASTE

From: Gunwant Sodhi (gunwantin@yahoo.com) To: chaseley@townofniagara.com

Date: Monday, May 30, 2022 06:29 PM EDT

Dear Mr. Haseley,

Hope you had wonderful holiday weekend.

I am awaiting confirmation of our meeting. Meanwhile, please accept two video clippings, 1) 6:48pm- May 25, 2022, and 2) 7:23am» May 26, 2022. Due to technical difficulties, I was earlier unable to upload these videos.

It's a matter on record that bush fire incident reported last year too on May 15, 2021; Niagara Town Police Department ORI Number: N YOM 5500 / Incident: 2021-00003021 refers, This resulted damage to my property. The attached videos are of the same spot with the same crew members of Chris' Property Maintenance (Phone# 716-909,,5581).

Please let me know additional information you require, if any.

Sincerely,

Gunwant Sodhi
9701 Porter Road,
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
(716) 804-3471

Download Attachment

Available until Jun 29, 2022

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Fw: BURNING WASTE MATERIAL IN OPEN AREA: 9799 PORTER RD, NIAGARA FALLS

From: Gunwant Sodhi (gunwantin@yahoo.com) To: chaseley@townofniagara.com

Date: Monday, June 6, 2022, 02:41 AM EDT

Dear Mr. Haseley,

Here are two videos of burning waste material in open area (9799 Porter Road, Niagara Falls) on Saturday- June 4, 2022, 10pm and later.

I called 911 too.

FYI

Sincerely,

Gunwant Sodhi
9701 Porter Road
Niagara Falls, NY 14304 Phone: 716-
804-3471

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Sent from my iPhone

**Fw: BURNING WASTE MATERIAL IN OPEN AREA: 9799 PORTER ROAD, NIAGARA
FALLS NY**

From: Gunwant Sodhi (gunwantin@yahoo.com)

To: lwallace@townofniagara.com cc:

chaseley@townofniagara.com

Date: Monday, June 6, 2022, 03:34 AM EDT

Dear Mr. Lee Wallace,

Here attached is a video clipping with information: _

:Open area 9799 Porter Road - adjoining my back yard & side yard that is fenced

Day: Sunday

. Date- Time: June 5, 2022- 8:45pm and after

Activity By: Chris' Propelty Main{enance (Phone No. 7<6009-5581) Tenant

I am not sure whether burning waste material in open areas is permitted or not. But I do object to unsafe and disturbing business activity in the neighborhood. My earlier complaint of May 25, 2022 is under active consideration by Charles E Haseley, Building Inspector¥

At around 8.47pm on June 5,2022- Sunday, i received a call from Chris when was recording the video. Chris questioned about the video recording and the discussion ended with threatening remarks from him,

"If you have problem, am going to start messing up with what you do to support your family"

FYI and necessary intewention, please.

Sincerely,

Gunwant Sodhi

9701 Porter Road

Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Phone No. 716-804-3471

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Date OJ F 2003

- Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening regarding the project being undertaken for Amazon by JB2 Partners, LLC at 8995 Lockport Road. My name is Michael Casale, I am the Commissioner of the Niagara County Department of Economic Development.
- This Lockport Road site has been long targeted for development, by both State and Local officials. In fact, it was designated a "Build Now New York ShovelReady Certified Site" by Empire State Development in 2012.
- That designation came following a lengthy application process that involved the Niagara County Center for Economic Development and its local partners, including the Town of Niagara. That application was thoroughly vetted by numerous agencies including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation, Ag and Markets, and Transportation.
- I wanted to share this information because since receiving this designation, we have been marketing this site as shovel-ready, and this designation was one of the major reasons the developer chose this site. No serious site selector would ever give Niagara County a second look again if we do not stand behind the shovel-ready certification. The site selection community is a tight knit group, and word would spread fast that Niagara County balked on its promise of being shovel-ready, which would undoubtedly jeopardize our chances in the future to compete for projects that would bring significant new capital investment and new jobs to Niagara County.
- The facility will be one of Amazon's largest and most sophisticated facilities, which is a testament to the business and quality of life landscape of Western New York and the Town of Niagara
 - The project calls for the creation of 1000 full time jobs and some additional seasonal jobs. A job-creating project of this type has not been seen in our lifetime in this area.
- The workers' hourly rates include full benefits, including healthcare, 401 K's and company paid educational programs. These are quality, family supporting jobs. ● The project has undergone a very thorough review, with 28 separate agencies, from this Town through County and State development agencies including the New York Power Authority, the NYS Departments of Environmental Conservation and Transportation and the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.

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i am not trying to change anyone's mind on this Amazon project either way. I am just trying to explain to our residents the thought process and reasons why our board would try to make the best decisions for our community with the best interests of the majority of our residents. The board does not have the luxury making decisions on any one issue whether the issue is positive or negative.

I said back in our April meeting the Town Board is in a very bad position. Many people are against, and many people are for this project. We were elected to do what is the best interest of this Town and the majority of our residents today and in future years including our children.

We are not a wealthy town. In fact, if we don't get some type of development, or new revenue we probably are looking at increased taxes including a extra town tax, and or re-assessing homes and businesses which I am personally against. Over 50% of our residents are seniors on fixed incomes that cannot afford tax increases. Even younger working families in this economic environment are struggling to survive living paycheck to paycheck.

The cost of business in our town constantly goes up like any other community. Road repair, plowing and salting roads in the winter, our police force, and many other items like sewer and water increases.

So the bottom line is either we drop services which is not good or popular for our residents, or our residents pay a increase in taxes that many cannot afford, or we can try to increase our revenue and try to bring in a developer that helps us pay taxes so we can keep the services that our residents are accustomed to.

This Board fully feels and understands the traffic concerns of our residents. Amazon actually in many ways will make Packard Road better, and safer than it is today which we heard at the last Town planning Board meeting two weeks ago. Amazon at the encouragement of town and resident comments has truck traffic entering on Packard Road and exiting on Lockport Road in a attempt to try to ease the pain of Packard Road residents. For those who might remember in the 1950s, and 1960s, and 1970s, there were 3 to 4 thousand people working around the Hyde Park, College, and Highland Avenue, and Route 31. Buffalo Avenue had somewhere between 15 and 17 thousand employees entering and exiting those industries. Moore Business Forms, Shredded Wheat, Washington Mills, Carborundum, Dupont, Olin, Alox, Niagara Falls Water and Sewer, and Hooker Oxy Chemical.

We are talking about three to four hundred skilled labor trade workers working for two years. We are talking about 1000 full time jobs with benefits for now and the next generation which is our kids and grandkids. There will be increased spending and not only businesses in our town but surrounding communities which will increase our portion of sales tax revenue.

Simple economics you cannot have lower, or reasonable taxes and no development. Period it just doesn't work that way.

Lets take a quick look at the potential property taxes that we will receive from this Amazon development. Just in building permit fees alone over one million dollars. The rest of the numbers are only a approximate estimate because it is difficult to assess a building that has not been built. But I strongly believe will be close. The building full market value will be about 350 million dollars. Because of the towns 42% assessment rate the tax assessment on the building will be about 126 million dollars.

Increase in Town	\$201,000.00
Highway Tax	\$153,000.00
Increase in Town Fire	\$53,000.00
Tax	\$100,000.00
Increase in Town	\$317,000.00
lighting Tax	
Increase in Town	
Water Tax	
Increase in Town	
Sewer Tax	

A total increase in town revenue in just the first year only would be about \$834,000.00 dollars. Projecting about 15 years out our yearly tax revenue from this project will grow from 1.6 million to 2 million dollars annually. Those numbers will bring in over 15 years

12 to 15 million dollars from Amazon to our town residents. We cannot get those numbers anywhere else those numbers are very large to a community our size. The yearly county tax increase will be about \$610,000.00 which would be our hope that they use some of that money to keep County roads Packard Road, and Lockport Road, in good shape because of the increase in traffic. The School District yearly tax revenue would be about 1.6 million annually which could help reduce the tax burden of the School District residents. Amazon in the first year will be paying 3,000,092.00 of new tax revenue to the Town of Niagara, County, and NW School District. Total taxes paid by Amazon over a 15 year period will well exceed over 40 to 50 million dollars.

The town will have to keep a eye on any future traffic concerns that arise and work with Amazon to possibly correct.