

Public Hearing (Town of Round Lake) Proposed Motorboat Wake Protection Area Ordinance  
Tiger Cat Flowage chain of lakes. (Ordinance No. 01-2020).

Saturday June 27, 2020

Hearing began at 3:05 p.m. In attendance were: Town Board Chair Rolfe Hanson, Town Board Supervisors: Kay Wilson, Marilyn Karns, and Sharon Haak, along with Town Clerk Kathy McCoy and 22 audience members.

Town Chairman Rolfe Hanson outlined format that would be used for hearing. Each individual allowed to speak once – time limit maximum 5 minutes. Hanson also ask that all present be respectfully of others in attendance and their opinions.

Supervisor Kay Wilson gave a brief overview of the history of and reason for the proposed ordinance.

Not all in attendance wished to speak or indicated if they were in favor or opposed to Ordinance.

The following in attendance spoke in favor of ordinance: Don Stover, Kay Wilson, Greg Hinz, Pat Neyens, Jim Jarbrosky, Jeff Hay, Joyce Hay, Mark Lenss, Barb Howe, Ed Buschman, Beverly Wickstrom, and Dana Wachs. Those speaking in favor of ordinance cited concerns with ballast water tank contamination – transfer of invasive species, shallowness of flowage, potential for increased lake eutrophication, shore land erosion, harm to wildlife, and how the ordinance would be used as platform for education.

Concerns were expressed by several audience members (who favored ordinance) as to enforcement, along with the Town moving to be more restrictive than the State related to other State Boating Laws (example operating a motorboat at a speed in excess of “slow no wake speed” within 100 feet of shoreline). Wilson and several others addressed this - Ordinance would have no effect on any current State Boating regulations. Also it was brought up that the Ordinance is to regulate the activity not the watercraft.

In addition 21 letters were received in support of Ordinance.

No one spoke in opposition to ordinance nor were any letters/ correspondence received opposing it.

Hearing conceded at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McCoy, Clerk

