

**Village of Ilion  
Public Hearing  
September 14, 2016**

Mayor Terry Leonard called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Village of Ilion Municipal Building Auditorium.

**Present:** Mayor Terry Leonard, Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore, Trustee Fred Hartmann, Trustee Kalman Socolof

**Excused:** Trustee Bridget McKinley

**Also Present:** Village Treasurer MariJo Thompson, Fire Chief James Trevett, Village Clerk Cindy Kennedy

**Public:** 15

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

The Public Hearing notice was published in the Times Telegram on August 27, 2016.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Public Hearing is to introduce a proposed Local Law regulating open containers in public places in the Village of Ilion and to hear residents' thoughts and concerns on said proposed law.

**Mayor's Welcome:** Mayor Leonard read aloud the proposed Local Law #2016-02, which will be voted on during the Regular Village Board Meeting scheduled at 6:30. The law refers to "regulating open containers in public places" in the Village of Ilion.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- Resident #1: What steps will be taken to ensure training by Village employees to enforce the new law if it is passed? *Chief Parisi will train all Village officers and prepare the Department for enforcement of the law.*
- Should any others be called to enforce the new law, or only the Police Department? *The Police should be called to handle the matter.*
- How will the Public be informed about the new law? *Notification will be given to the Official Village Newspaper (The Times Telegram,) and be posted on the Village Website (www.ilionny.com.) A press release will also be issued.*
- Since the law was written based upon the similar Little Falls open container law, has it been effective in the City of Little Falls? *Yes, it has helped lessen the numbers of incidences there.*
- When the law goes into effect, will there be no warnings? Will it be an automatic fine of \$250 and/or 15 days jail time? *The Judge will make a final determination on the case when it is presented to him.*

- Will there be two citations- one for open container and one for disorderly conduct? *The arresting officer will have the discretion to include a disorderly conduct charge if it is deemed necessary.*
- Resident #2: Will this law include the cemetery and the school grounds? *Both the cemetery and the school grounds are on private property. They have rules and regulations built in to cover their property.*
- Will the law specify unsealed containers, or only open containers? *A discussion ensued and clarification will be obtained from Village Attorney Mark Rose.*
- Will the law pertain to outside cafes serving alcoholic beverages in the Village? *The café would need permission from the Village Board, or permission may be granted through the Café's Liquor License. The Open Container Law for the Village of Ilion specifies alcoholic beverages only.*
- Resident #1: When a citizen is walking on school grounds and sees an open container, does that citizen call the Police? *It is suggested that they notify a School Official due to being private property, but may call Police if it is after-hours, due to trespass laws.*
- Resident #3: I believe this Local Law is a great start and can be amended if there is a need in the future.
- *Once the Local Law passes, enforcement will take place.*

All concerns and comments have been noted and the Village Board will now consider the matter and make a final decision.

**Adjournment: 6:24 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy A. Kennedy  
Village Clerk