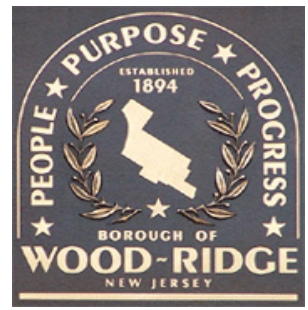


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Mayor and Council Fight to Stop Cell Tower from Becoming Valley Boulevard Eyesore

WOOD-RIDGE, NJ - Mayor Paul Sarlo and the Borough Council have allocated funding for ongoing efforts to stop an 82-foot tall communications tower from being erected behind CVS.

“Due to elements which are inconsistent with the Borough’s zoning ordinances, and the character of this community, we denied Omnipoint Communication’s request for a variance needed to build this tower on March 7. The Superior Court of New Jersey overturned the denial on April 22,” said Mayor Sarlo. “Financial support from this governing body will allow the Borough to move forward with an appeal of the court decision by June 6.”

“This is a major quality of life issue for residents on Valley Boulevard, Innes Road and other streets surrounding CVS,” Sarlo continued. “Neighbors consistently expressed opinions against this project at four public hearings. As elected officials, we will continue to fight to protect our residents.”

The tower would be designed as a pole with additional equipment and blinking lights to warn planes taking off and landing at Teterboro Airport. Omnipoint requested a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment to construct the tower at 295 Valley Boulevard, directly behind the CVS building in a Retail Business Zone.

The location would place the tower less than 50 feet from residential homes and less than 140 feet from a school. It would also permit a structure to rise more than five stories above the area’s maximum allowable building height.

“This tower will have numerous negative impacts upon our town, including decreasing property value of nearby homes,” said Councilman and Finance Chairman Dominick Azzolini. “It will also be an unavoidable focal point as people cross into town from Hasbrouck Heights. A tall metal eyesore is not how we want to welcome people to Wood-Ridge.”

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