

Code and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes

April 18th, 2024

The April 18th, 2024 Code and Zoning Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council Man Jack Soberick. The meeting was attended by Council Man Jack Soberick, Council Man Joseph Butrie, and Council Woman Jennifer Staines.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Jack Soberick-

Addresses the audience and asks that everyone please come up to the podium, state their name, address, and what their complaint is. States that due to the small amount of audience members that more time can be given to addressing issues.

Tommy Vadyak- Address 334 West Abbott Street

States that it is going on the fourth year that he has filed a complaint pertaining to the property of 331 West Water Street. Tommy Vadyak says that Ray Swartz went up to the property and put a condemned sign on the property. Yet when he entered a right-to-know requests sometime in the beginning of March 2024, and received a response from the borough they stated that the property has no violations. He would like to know how the property is condemned but has not violations. Discusses how the property has weeds in the park yard that are over four feet high.

Talks about how something needs to be done for the property of 328 West Abbott and that parking requirements should be included in the residential rental license applications. Tommy Vadyak states that the neighbors have six vehicles and that most of the vehicles do not move and the neighbor had ripped up the sidewalk but is unsure if he had permit to rip up the sidewalk. States that he has also filed a complaint about the amount of people that are currently living at the address.

Tommy Vadyak goes on to discuss the conditions of properties on his block. He goes on to further explain how at 346 West Abbott, the person living at the property throws his garbage out of the second floor window. Says that there is a need for a code enforcement officer.

Jack Soberick-

States that the code enforcement officer position is to be advertised. States that the code officer should have their own vehicle.

Tommy Vadyak-

Discusses how something needs to be done because the elderly are afraid to come the office to file a complaint due to a fear that the person they filed a complaint against them will result in them getting beat up. He goes on to talk about how the demographic of the town is changing.

Joe Genits- Address 232 West Front Street

States that the only way to do something about vehicles and the number of vehicles would be to go through the zoning ordinance and have something stated that landlords must follow.

Jack Soberick-

Talks about it would be difficult to enforce a vehicle limit. Inquires about how the borough would enforce the number of vehicles and enforce telling people where they would have to park their vehicles. States that he agrees illegal vehicles should be tagged, ticketed, and towed if necessary.

Joe Genits-

Discusses the property maintenance code, and that the code, states the number of people per square feet for rental property. Feels that all of council at a future date should get together and review the entire zoning ordinance. He comments that the ordinance surrounding off street parking requirements should be changed and modified. Goes on to talk about the signage in the business district, that signs should not be sticking out from the buildings.

Jack Soberick-

States that although the led type of signs are nice to look at, they go against the signage ordinance. Discusses the importance of having an in house code enforcement official. That ideally that the person should be certified, have prior knowledge of looking up ordinances, citing and testifying in court. Says that he feels that there should be two code person positions, a full-time and a part-time.

The meeting was adjourned by Council Man Jack Soberick at 7:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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