

Code and Zoning Meeting Minutes

May 16th, 2024

The May 16th, 2024 Code and Zoning Meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Council Man Jack Soberick. The meeting was attended by Council Man Joesph Butrie, Council Woman Jennifer Staines, Council Man Jack Soberick, and Code and Zoning Officer Ray Swartz.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Man Jack Soberick opens the meeting up to the public to comment.

Tommy Vadyak inquired about when Lansford is going to start code enforcement for the quality-of-life violations. Feels Lansford borough should be giving out monthly citations against property owners that neglect their properties.

Jack Soberick stated that a meeting is going to be held with the magistrate judge to discuss condemned properties.

Ray Swartz addressed the issue of reaching homeowners surrounding enforcement of condemned property violations or other property violations.

Jack Soberick stated he would like to put on the agenda for the borough to request companies to send in costs and then choosing to hire one or more companies to provide maintenance services on properties that are condemned and have yards that are not maintained.

Joesph Butrie spoke about how he sent Ray Swartz an email about 310-312 E Snyder having garbage that has been out on the property for over two months.

Joesph Butrie spoke about 301-303 E Snyder having cleaned up some of garbage that was on the property.

Rosemary Cannon spoke about a property near her home that currently has garbage all over and is causing wild animals to feed on the garbage resulting in an increase in animals.

Bob Silver spoke about the rental license application and how he feels that Lansford Borough should be more involved in the process.

Jack Soberick stated that he wants an interview scheduled with Shane Monk who has applied for the Code Officer Position.

Jennifer Staines spoke about the fireworks ordinance and how she feels it should be changed.

Joesph Butrie stated that a half stick of fireworks was set off on the 600 Block of East Bertsch street last night.

Joesph Butrie spoke about how no where in town has the space requirement to follow the ordinance to be allowed to set off fireworks.

Jennifer Staines spoke about how more animals are running wild and how something needs to be done to address the issue.

Joesph Butrie states that there is an ordinance on the number of animals allowed per home.

Joesph Butrie inquired about if a temporary condemned sign can be placed on buildings that do not pass inspection, so that people are not living in these properties until they have been property inspected.

Tommy Vadyak stated he feels that the council should sit down with Chief Woodward about the enforcement of quality-of-life.

Jack Soberick stated that he would like the method in which code complaints are handled to be changed.

Tommy Vadyak spoke about the different types of garbage pickups that Coaldale Borough and Lansford Borough have and the cost difference between them.

Jack Soberick would like to add to the agenda a review of nuisance claims against dilapidated properties.

The meeting was adjourned by Council Man Jack Soberick at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ashley McLaughlin

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