

PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2010 STATE ROUTE 903
JIM THORPE, PA 18229

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 17, 2020

The Special Meeting of the Penn Forest Township Board of Supervisors is being held at Penn Forest Township Municipal Building, 2010 State Route 903, Jim Thorpe, PA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Thomas Cross asked that all in attendance stand and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance".

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Thomas Cross called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm; Roll Call by Township Secretary

Members: Tom Cross, Chairman
Christian Bartulovich, Vice-Chairman
Judith Knappenberger, Supervisor
Scott Lignore, Supervisor
Roger Meckes, Supervisor

Solicitor: Thomas S. Nanovic---Solicitor
Office Staff: Dana Vitale---Twp. Secretary

A) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

NONE

B) RECIND THE MOTION TO HIRE MICHAEL PALMISANO- P/T LABORER

MOTION made by Supervisor Bartulovich, Second by Supervisor Meckes to **RECIND** the motion that was made at the August 3rd BOS meeting to hire Michael Palmisano as Part-time Laborer.

ROLL CALL: JK- YES; SL- YES; CB- YES; TC- YES; RM- YES **MOTION PASSED**

C) HIRE PART-TIME EMPLOYEE

MOTION made by Supervisor Meckes, Second by Supervisor Lignore to **HIRE** a Part-time Laborer at the rate of \$15.45.

ROLL CALL: JK- YES; SL- YES; CB- YES; TC- NO; RM- YES **MOTION PASSED**

D) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - Short Term Rentals

(see attached)

E) DISCUSS: PFT ZONING AND REGULATION OF SHORT TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES

Attorney Nanovic discussed the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the possibility of amending the Zoning Ordinance to regulate short-term rentals. Email comments were announced by Chairman Cross. Residents expressed their concern such as Denise Capasso. She lives next to a home that consistently hosts 24 guests. Guests block the streets and build fires beneath wooden decks, while also a smell of sewage on the street. Supervisor Bartulovich stated homeowner associations should be able to decide whether they want to allow the practice. Supervisor Lignore said there are many residents who have owned part-time home in the area for years. They rent them out to help pay the mortgage. Supervisor Meckes stated if the township decides to officially permit the rental, they need to come up with regulations for a permit. Other townships in the Poconos have Ordinances requiring permits and allowing fines if their residents violate regulation. A date will be determined at the September 8th BOS meeting with homeowners associations and advertised thereafter.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:08 P.M.

MOTION made by Supervisor Cross, Second by Supervisor Meckes to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL: JK- YES; SL- YES; CB- YES; TC- YES; RM- YES **MOTION PASSED**

**DANA VITALE
SECRETARY
PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP**

**THOMAS CROSS
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP**