

COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION NOTES
February 5, 2019

The work session was called to order by Chairman William Weimer at 6:00 pm in the meeting room of the Coolbaugh Township Municipal Office, 5520 Municipal Drive, Tobyhanna, PA.

Board Members present:

William Weimer, Anthony Lamantia, Lynn Kelly, Alma I. Ruiz-Smith and Clare Colgan

Board Members absent:

None

Staff present:

Patrick Armstrong, Solicitor and Erin Masker, Township Secretary and Meredith Thompson, Assistant Business Manager

Staff absent:

None

Mr. Weimer announced that this work session is being recorded to aid in the preparation of the notes.

1. Pocono Mountain Municipal Airport Authority

Bill Mullen spoke of the concerns of PMMA regarding the inability to park trailers on their property located directly across from the airport stating that they were denied a zoning permit for the use and stated that they are unable to construct a building due to the glide path for the airport. Mr. Keane stated that there is no use within the Township Ordinance that allows parking empty trailers stating that it would have to be a permitted use. Mr. Keane provided the Board with the list of three options as to how the applicant could proceed to try to be able to park the trailers. The options are as follows: (1) develop the property into a Distribution Center or a use that would permit parking empty trailers, (2) apply to the Zoning Hearing Board to set the requirements through a special exception or (3) making a change to the Township Ordinance that would allow for this use. B. Mullen asked the board if they felt that they should proceed with this process stating that they have a signed contract with J & J to park the trailers there once they have the approval and stated that this will be a source of income that is needed for the airport. Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that she would suggest continuing with the process. B. Mullen stated that Northampton County has an overlay at their airport and they are allowed to park buses on their property, asking if they should look into that option. J. Kerrick stated that the overlay district would allow determining what is able to be done with the property. Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that they do not have enough space for a building and a septic on that property. Solicitor Armstrong stated that the most immediate course of action would be to apply to the Zoning Hearing Board once they receive a denial. Ms. Ruiz-Smith suggested that they may want to speak to the MCPC to see if they can provide any assistance. Mr. Weimer stated that he personally supports their efforts and what they are working to do. Ms. Kelly stated if they come to the Supervisors prior to their hearing with the Zoning Hearing Board they could write a letter to weigh in on their thoughts to be provided to the Zoning Hearing Board.

- **Discussion:** D. Pope stated that if there is no ordinance to address what they are proposing then they should just park them there. Solicitor Armstrong stated that there is a provision in the ordinance that states that if it is not in the ordinance then they would have to go to the Zoning Hearing Board.

2. Other Business

Nothing was heard.

3. Public Input

P Williams stated that the ice harvest was extremely successful and stated that the Historical Society had a lot of visitors at the mansion as well. Mr. Keane asked who we should direct people to contact for ice being advised Bill Leonard.

Work Session ended at 6:25pm.