

COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
December 15, 2020, 6:00pm

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman William Weimer at 6:03pm.

**Board Members present:**

William Weimer, Anthony Lamantia, Lynn Kelly and Clare Colgan

**Board Members absent:**

Alma I. Ruiz-Smith

**Staff present:**

Patrick Armstrong, Solicitor, Erin Masker, Township Secretary, Thomas Rohan, Code Enforcement Officer, Tomas Keane, Director of Codes and Zoning, Meredith Thompson, Business Manager and Darren Dixon, Controller

**Staff absent:**

None

Mr. Weimer stated that in order to insure the public safety and social distancing during the COVID-19 crisis, this public hearing is available by audio and video conferencing via the Zoom Video Communication App. The Public is invited to log on to watch and listen to the public hearing live via the above-referenced virtual media. Public comment will be taken by email prior to the public hearing addressed to [emasker@coolbaughtwp.org](mailto:emasker@coolbaughtwp.org) and during the hearing in the comments section on Zoom. The comments and emails will be closely monitored and announced, where appropriate, as they come in. The public will be given an opportunity to comment and are asked to please state your name and city or community that you reside in. This public hearing is being recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes.

**Comments on Ordinance #143-2020: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of Coolbaugh Township by Adding a New Chapter 245, Litter and Illegal Dumping; Litter Enforcement Corridor, Establishing Penalties for Littering and Illegal Dumping on Public Roads and Property in Order to Fight Blight and Protect the Public Health, Safety and Welfare from the Negative Effects of Litter and Illegal Dumping and Designating a Litter Enforcement Corridor**

Solicitor Armstrong stated that Ordinance, #143-2020 has been advertised in accordance with the MPC for a public hearing this evening. The intent of this ordinance is to enforce penalties for littering within the Township and setting litter enforcement areas in which fines will be doubled for anyone that is found to be guilty of littering or dumping trash in those zones which are specified in section 245-2 of the ordinance as: Laurel Drive: entire length, Echo Lake Road: entire length, Green Road: entire length, Industrial Park Drive: entire length, Market Way: entire length, Corporate Center Drive East: entire length, Corporate Center Drive West: entire length, Bill Leonard Drive: entire length and Pocono Heights Road; entire length. This ordinance provides for fines in section 245.3 for littering anywhere in the Township.

No comments on Ordinance #143-2020 were heard from the Board of Supervisors or the public.

With no further comments being heard, Solicitor Armstrong closed the hearing at 6:06pm, stating that Ordinance #143-2020 is on this evenings meeting agenda for consideration by the Board of Supervisors at which point they can take action on it if they choose.

Solicitor Armstrong opened the public hearing at 6:06pm

**Comments on Ordinance #144-2020: An Ordinance Amending the Coolbaugh Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance at Chapter 355 of the Code of Ordinances of Coolbaugh Township by Amending the Landscape Requirements at Section 355-57**

Solicitor Armstrong stated that this ordinance has been advertised in accordance with the MPC for a hearing this evening and has been reviewed by both the Monroe County Planning Commission and Township Planning Commission with both reviews/recommendations in the meeting packet this evening. He stated that this ordinance was before the Board before and submitted to the MCPC stating that we received their comments and changes have been made. The changes include adding back in provisions for parking area landscaping. Solicitor Armstrong stated that Township Engineer, Russell Kresge assisted with the revisions including the revised list of acceptable trees and plants that is provided in Attachment 4.

No comments on Ordinance #144-2020 were heard from the Board of Supervisors or the public.

With no further comments being heard, Solicitor Armstrong closed the hearing at 6:09pm, stating that Ordinance #144-2020 is on this evenings meeting agenda for consideration by the Board of Supervisors at which point they can take action on it if they choose.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Masker, Township Secretary

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
William Weimer, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_