

COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
July 6, 2021, 7:00pm

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman William Weimer at 7:00pm.

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, Erin Masker, Township Secretary, Tomas Keane, Director of Codes and Zoning, Darren Dixon, Controller and Meredith Thompson, Business Manager

Staff absent:

None

Mr. Weimer stated this public hearing is being held at the Coolbaugh Township Municipal Building, 5520 Municipal Drive, Tobyhanna, PA 18466, to receive public comment and to consider and possibly adopt an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of Coolbaugh Township. 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 # 145-2021: An Ordinance of the Township of Coolbaugh, Monroe County, Adding a New Chapter 215, Fireworks, Establishing Definitions and Regulations for the Use of Consumer and Display Fireworks, Incorporating the Applicable State Law and Prescribing Penalties for Violations

Solicitor Armstrong stated that the Board has reviewed this proposed fireworks ordinance which sets guidelines for the use of consumer fireworks and display fireworks. This ordinance is consistent with the state statutes and outlines permit and insurance requirements for display fireworks.

Ms. Ruiz-Smith confirmed that the distance from a structure was changed to 200' from 150' being advised it was.

D. Pope asked how this ordinance will be enforced being advised that PMRPD will be receiving a copy for enforcement. Mr. Lamantia stated that they are currently enforcing the ordinance in Mount Pocono as well. There is also the ability for the Township Code Enforcement Officers to follow up after the fact. J. Rogan stated that PA State Police are also listed in the ordinance stating that they will not respond for noise and will not enforce this ordinance. Solicitor Armstrong stated the PMRPD can enforce a standalone ordinance.

With no further comments being heard, Solicitor Armstrong closed the hearing at 7:06pm, stating that Ordinance #145-2021 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

Date: _____

Witnessed by: _____
William Weimer, Chairman

Date: _____