

COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
December 7, 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:**

William Oettinger, Solicitor, Erin Masker, Township Secretary, Tomas Keane, Director of Codes and Zoning 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 Proposed Ordinance #146-2021: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 350 of the Code of Ordinances of Coolbaugh Township by Prohibiting Improvements and/or Personal Property from Being Placed Within the Public Right-of-Way; and Amending Chapter 375 of the Code of Ordinances of Coolbaugh Township by Authorizing the Issuance of Citation for Violations of Chapter 375, Adding to and Updating the Snow Emergency Route Designations, and Adding Additional Locations Where Parking is Prohibited**

Solicitor Oettinger stated that Ordinance#146-2021 has been duly advertised and is before the Board for consideration to accomplish a couple of things pertinent to the management of the township Right Of Way. First it prohibits the placement of structures in the Township ROW, as the Township plowed snow, they were catching basketball nets and hardscaping which damaged the Township equipment. This does not apply to the utilities. Second it allows for enforcement of parking ordinances which was requested by the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department. Third it adds new snow emergency routes to the township roster and updates street names that have been changed since it was last adopted.

D. Pope, there should not be any parking on the Township ROW, Solicitor Oettinger stated that this is not for the parking in the ROW, it is geared more towards structures that are placed in the ROW which include hardscape and basketball nets. J. Smith-Hughes from Pocono Farms East asked if the police department will now be able to remove vehicles from the Township ROW without the homeowner's approval being advised that is correct, if a vehicle is parked in the ROW or along the snow emergency route they can be towed. F. Whalen stated that he understands the issue with the basketball hoop stating that the removal by the homeowner should be common sense. He stated that if a homeowner that removes it and may forget it one time will be in just as much trouble as the person that leaves it out all the time.

Ms. Ruiz-Smith asked if we incorporated the trash can issue in this ordinance being advised that it is not.

**Closing of the Hearing**

With no further comments being heard, Solicitor Oettinger closed the hearing at 7:06pm, stating that Ordinance #146-2021 is on this evening's 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: \_\_\_\_\_