

THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
MINUTES – September 1, 2020

The Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors' Work Session was called to order at 6:15 p.m. via Ring Central remote meeting. In attendance were Supervisors Jim Benoit, Chairman, Joe Lisa, Mike Gallagher, and Bob Wiggins. Also, in attendance were Judy Lizza, Township Manager; Teresa Destefano, Township Secretary and Kathy Labrum, Township Solicitor.

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Benoit, Chairman read the following:

In accordance with the order issued by Governor Wolf, and the Continuity Plan adopted by the Township Supervisors, the September 1, 2020 meeting of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors is being held virtually and open to the public.

Some items of note:

1. All virtual meetings will be recorded via video, electronic or telephonic means.
2. Public comment will be conducted. All comments were to be submitted in writing and received by Judy Lizza or physically dropped in the township mailbox at the building. Public comments will be read during the virtual meeting during the public comment period. Additional public comment will be accepted at the discretion of the Board Chair.
3. All attendees to the virtual meetings will be muted by the organizer or be asked to mute themselves unless and until recognized by the Board Chair.
4. All attendees are expected to "sign in" virtually.
5. Meeting minutes will be available and posted, once approved, on the township website.
6. Can we please take attendance of the meeting at this time? I will call on each official and then request any additional attendees to identify themselves for the record. (Mike Gallagher, Joe Lisa, Bob Wiggins, Kathy Labrum, Judy Lizza, Teresa DeStefano) Anyone not called please state your name and address
7. I appreciate everyone's time tonight, and your patience as we work through this new kind of meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Draft Zoning Ordinance Review

Chris Patriarca, Chester County Planning Department gave an overview of the comments from the Planning Commission members and on the revisions that were made after the suggestion from several meetings. Chris also noted that the commission discussed signs, street parking and natural resources.

2. 2021 Budget Review – Revenue

Judy Lizza gave a brief update to the Board for the 2021 Budget. The projected Township revenue for 2021 is constant. Not many changes. Some reduction in cable franchise fees. The 2021 Liquid Fuel allocation will be \$106,515.39 which is the same funding level as 2015.

Judy noted she will continue to update the Board with the 2021 budget in the next few months.

3. Authorization to advertise the public meeting and hearing dates for the adoption of the amended Zoning Ordinance.

Jim Benoit motion to authorize to advertise the public meeting and hearing dates for the adoption of the amended Zoning Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Joe Lisa. All in favor. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

1. **Herban Farms (basil production at Cheyney University)**

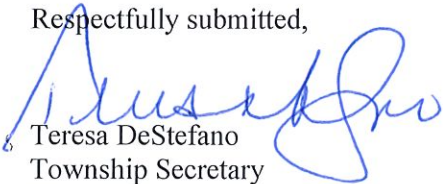
Andrew German and Rick Constantine spoke about expanding their business. They grow basil and want to build a new greenhouse with a bay for truck deliveries. They currently have about 12 employees and intend to make a submission to the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Benoit announced that there will be an executive session to discuss contracts in reference to the Township Building.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Teresa DeStefano
Township Secretary