

The regular meeting of the Adams Township Board of Supervisors was held on November 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Adams Township Municipal Building, 690 Valencia Road, Adams Township, Mars, PA.

Present at the meeting were Supervisors Russell R. Ford, Ronald J. Shemela, Edward L. Vogel, and Ronald G. Nacey, Solicitor Michael Gallagher, Chief Shawn Anglum, Township Manager Gary Peaco, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Knox, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Joseph Julian, and Assistant Secretary Andrea Dunton. Darryl M. Brandon attended virtually.

Chairman Ford called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the minutes of the meeting of November 13, 2023, were approved. All were in favor.

PLAN REVIEW

Brookhaven PRD Revision No. 1

Jimmy Spurdute was in attendance to represent Brookhaven, proposing a lot line revision.

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Ronald G. Nacey, Brookhaven PRD revision no. 1 was approved. All were in favor.

Amherst Village Amendment 1, Lot 104

Jimmy Spurdute was in attendance to represent Amherst Village, proposing a lot line revision.

On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, Amherst Village Amendment 1 was approved. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Public/Private Road Ordinance Public Hearing Date

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, a public hearing date for the public/private road ordinance was tabled. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

An Ordinance Prohibiting Owners or Agents of Animals from the Animals Becoming a Nuisance – Ordinance No. 2023-182

Mike Gallagher stated that this ordinance protects animals and residents from animals running at large and entering other properties.

Rob Crouthamel, 139 Pearce Road, stated his concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. Mr. Crouthamel stated that he is afraid that this ordinance could affect owning livestock for local farmers and wants to confirm that the ordinance is in accordance with the Right-to-Farm Law. Mr. Crouthamel would like the ordinance to have verbiage excluding normal agricultural operations so long as the agricultural operation does not have a direct effect on public health and safety.

Mr. Gallagher stated that nothing in the ordinance pertains to normal agricultural activities.

Tina Wilson, 105 Good Luck Lane, requested that more time be given for the residents to read through the ordinance before a decision is made officially.

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, Ordinance No. 2023-182 was tabled. All were in favor.

Cancel December 25th Meeting

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Ronald G. Nacey, the cancellation of the December 25th, 2023, meeting was approved. All were in favor.

Library Q4

On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, the 4th quarter library payment was approved. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Edward L. Vogel the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. All were in favor.

Andrea C. Dunton, Assistant Township Secretary