

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING – JANUARY 4, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Feikles called to order the Public Hearing for a conditional use request #1-16, at 7:30 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building, 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412 on January 4, 2016.

VISITORS Visitors were Kathy Pernisek, Jenna Strohmeier, Palma Leone, Mike Tann, and stenographer Sharla Polach.

COND. USE REQUEST #4-15 The purpose of this public hearing is to hear testimony and comments for a Conditional Use request #4-15 for a banquet facility in a B-1 zoning district located at 11181 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412.

ADVERTISEMENT Manager Anthony presented a copy of the advertisement for this Public Hearing, including proof of publication, as advertised on December 15th and 22nd, 2015 in the Erie Times in accordance with Act 247, entered as Exhibit T-1.

PROPERTY POSTING Property was posted by Zoning Officer Norman Willow, as stated in the Township Code.

SWEAR IN WITNESS Stenographer Sharla Polach swore in Ms. Leone.

APPLICANT'S CASE Palma Leone addresses Council with her proposed banquet facility request. Solicitor Burroughs asked Zoning Officer Willow to verify the current zoning as B-1, and if a banquet facility was a conditional use in the Township Code. He also asked the applicant if her establishment was licensed and by what department issued the license, to which the applicant replied by the Department of Health. Manager Anthony asked the applicant if any venues would be held outdoors, the proposed hours of operation, and additional spaces required for parking as per the Township Code. Manager Anthony asked Zoning Officer Willow to verify if the applicant met the required parking spaces. Manager Anthony asked the applicant if she understood the Township's performance measures for noise. Councilman Pernisek asked the applicant if she would be in control of the event if attendees if they over-indulged in alcoholic beverages, and suggested a professional bartender.

PLANNING COMM. RECOMMENDATIONS The Washington Township Planning Commission's recommendations were entered into the proceedings as Exhibit T-2, recommending lighting to the back parking lot and the maximum guests limit set at 80.

OBJECTORS None.

SUPPORTERS None.

DISCUSSION Council commented on the proposed use to which the applicant responded as noted above. Solicitor Burroughs suggested adding the applicant must use only licensed caterers as one of the conditions of approval.

CLOSING REMARKS None.

EVIDENCE CLOSED Evidence was declared closed.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at the Public Hearing at 7:47 P.M.