

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING – AUGUST 4, 2020

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Patterson called to order the Public Hearing for a conditional use request at 7:15 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building, 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412 on August 4, 2020. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilman Renick, and Councilpersons Campbell and Laythe. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development specialist Deborah Anthony, and Zoning Officer Willow.

VISITORS Visitors were Arthur Meade, Brian Pollard, Kirsten Pollard, Michael Bucell, Trish Skelton, Terry Skelton, Jay Marcinwoski, Brian Arneman, Phyllis Woods, Gerrard Woods, Brian Pitzer, Cathy Hutchison, Mark Hutchison, Mike Holman, Kurt Hopkins, Lisa Arneman, Michael Allison, Jessica Brown, Jason Brown, Marshall Piccinini, Terry Kilburn, Tom Stine, Linda King, Linda Travis, Jennifer Smith, Matti Kashey, Mike Kashey, Virginia Hajewski, Thomas Hajewski, Pamela Nolan, John Hynes, Chris Laythe, Elizabeth Wellman, David Wellman, Brandon Johnston, Justin Mason, Maura Mercurio, Caleb Elder, Monica Meyer, and Tim Elder.

ORD. #3-20 SOLAR FARMS The purpose of this public hearing is to hear testimony and comments for solar farms within Washington Township.

ADVERTISEMENT Manager Anthony presented a copy of the advertisement for this Public Hearing as advertised in the July 13th and 20th, 2020 editions of the West County Journal.

WRITTEN COMMENT Written comments were received from Douglas and Margaret Watts, Pamela Nolan, Brian Pitzer, David Fulford, Judy Dauson, Mark Wickenheiser, Brian Pollard and Laurie Parendes in favor of solar farms. Manager Anthony presented several letters from neighbors opposing the location of solar farms within the Township.

OBJECTORS The following objected to solar farms: Art Meade, Brian Pollard, Marshall Piccinini, Michael Holman, Linda Travis, Mike Allison, Terry Kilburn, Linda King, Kurt Hopkins, Dave Wellman, Maura Mercurio, and Elizabeth Wellman. The comments against solar farms were changes to the scenery/ vistas, decreased property values, future changes to the zoning districts, and the proximity to property lines to neighboring properties, among other concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT Terry Skelton, a property owner who has been approached by Pattern Energy, a solar energy company, addressed Council about his proposed property location. The following residents expressed their support for solar farms: Brian Arneman, Michael Bucell, Brian Pitzer, Brandon Johnson, and Pamela Nolan.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at the Public Hearing at 8:10 P.M.