

**MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018  
6:30 P.M.**

President C. Williams opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Vice President F. O'Boyle; Councilmembers: S. Stewart-Keeler; D. Casole; K. Transue; A. Montanez; and, M. Hensel. Mayor F. Courtright, Solicitor A. DeAngelo and Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan were also present.

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The purpose of tonight's Public Hearing is to consider adoption an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 215, To Provide for Bed & Breakfast Inn as a Conditional Use in R-1 Zones.

Solicitor A. DeAngelo presented as Borough Exhibit 1, the notice of publication of the Public Hearing as advertised in the *Pocono Record* on January 10, 2018. Solicitor A. DeAngelo entered into as Borough Exhibit 2, several emails and letters that Borough Council received regarding the proposed Bed & Breakfast. The emails were from Vivian Vance of 101 Knob Road stating that she was in favor of the Bed & Breakfast, Theresa Myers who resided in Paradise Township at 527 Grange Road in support of the Bed & Breakfast, and from Larry Troutman of 108 Fairview Avenue also in favor of the Bed & Breakfast. Borough Council was also in receipt of letter from Keith Torregrossa of 55 Center Avenue who was not in favor of the Bed & Breakfast.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jean Simchak, 39 Fairview Avenue**, spoke and presented Borough Council with her written comments which were entered as Exhibit S-1. Ms. Simchak is not in favor of the proposed Amendment to the Ordinance.

**Mr. Tom Ford, 67 Center Avenue, presented** a petition from businesses in the Borough in support of the proposed Bed & Breakfast Amendment. This was marked as Exhibit F-1 and made part of the official minutes. He also presented his presentation that he made to Borough Council and to the Planning Commission several months ago regarding the impact that Bed & Breakfasts have on the residential area and businesses and that Bread & Breakfasts make great neighbors. This was marked as Exhibit F-2.

**George Bostany, 84 Crestwood Drive**, discussed his property located on Pine Hill Road which could be utilized as a Bed & Breakfast and encouraged Mr. Ford to purchase his property which has been for sale for some time and to run it as a Bed & Breakfast.

**Donna Bostany (Mr. Bostany's daughter), 84 Crestwood Drive**, discussed the Bed & Breakfast and that she feels that the owners of the Bed & Breakfast should have to abide by certain rules and make sure that they are screening the people who they rent to.

**Ken Hart, 208 Manorview Avenue**, who lives across the street from 67 Center Avenue stated that he is in favor of the proposed Amendment and feels that there would be no impact to him in having the Bed & Breakfast so close from his property.

**Karl Davis, 22 Knox Street**, discussed that he was not in favor of the proposed Amendment.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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None

The Public Hearing closed at 7:15 P.M. It should be noted that a court stenographer was present, and a copy of the transcript will be made a part of the official file.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Noonan, Borough Secretary