

THE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 27, 2023

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A Special Meeting of the Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on March 27, 2023, at the Smithfield Township Municipal Center at 1155 Red Fox Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301, and via Zoom.

Present are Supervisors Jacob Pride, Robert Lovenheim, and Brian Barrett (via Zoom), Solicitor Ronold Karasek, Engineer Jon Tresslar, and Township Manager Julia Heilakka.

1. Chair Jacob Pride calls the meeting to order at 6:00PM. A quorum is present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.
3. Announcements
  - a. This meeting is for the consideration of the solar and warehouse ordinance.
4. Minutes – none.
5. Public Hearing: Solar/Warehouse Ordinance. The public hearing is opened at 6:01PM. Solicitor Karasek states this is a public hearing is for a proposed zoning ordinance for solar and warehouse uses. The township determined that the current zoning ordinance was insufficient related to warehouses and had no regulations regarding solar. The Board initiated a municipal curative zoning amendment (Section 609.2 of the MPC) and enacted a resolution on September 28, 2022 that mandated a curative amendment be passed by March 27, 2023. The curative zoning amendment has been filed, duly advertised in the Pocono Record, copies provided to the newspaper and the Monroe County Law Library, and the ordinance has been reviewed by the Smithfield Township Planning Commission and Monroe County Planning Commission.

Jacob Pride states the ordinance was designed because these uses must be allowed in the township, but regulating them now could curtail abuses of the uses. The Board will amend this ordinance as needed; this amendment is comprehensive but not exhaustive. Thank you to all parties who helped draft the ordinance.

Robert Lovenheim states the township received much input while crafting the ordinance. He considers zoning ordinances organic: they grow and change as time passes. Brian Barrett agrees. Robert Lovenheim motions to close the public hearing, Jacob Pride seconds. No public comment. Vote: all in favor; motion carries: the hearing is closed at 6:06PM.

Robert Lovenheim motions to adopt Ordinance No. 249, the solar and warehouse ordinance, Brian Barrett seconds. No public comment. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

6. Reports – none.

7. New Business

a. Consider: Ordinance No. 249 – Solar/Warehouse Ordinance. [See item 5].

8. Board of Supervisors Report – none.

9. Bills – none.

10. Public Comment – none.

11. Jacob Pride motions to adjourn, Robert Lovenheim seconds; meeting adjourned at 6:07PM.

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Minutes recorded by Julia Heilakka

Respectfully submitted:



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Julia Heilakka, Assistant Secretary