

Borough of Susquehanna Depot
Minutes September 6, 2016

Present: Susan Crawford, John Hendrickson, Barbara Larsen, Dana Rockwell, Roy Williams, Joseph Varsik and Deborah Zayas

Absent: Dana Rockwell

Also Present: Margaret Biegert, Mayor Nancy Hurley

Guests: Carson Helfrich

Council members met with Carson Helfrich to discuss updating the current zoning ordinance. Mr. Helfrich provided council with a resume and discussed his experience along with the process and time required to review and update the zoning ordinance. He advised council that it was not necessary to create a new comprehensive plan prior to updating the zoning ordinance, but would need to develop a Statement of Community Development Objectives". Mr. Helfrich mentioned a number of issues such as cell towers, solar panels and drilling that might not have been covered in the current zoning ordinance. He recommended utilizing a zoning ordinance from a neighboring community as a template to beginning the review process. He requested a copy of the Flood Plain Ordinance, Ordinance List and the Nuisance Ordinance. Council decided they would go through the review process on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 5:00 PM and invite members of the zoning board. Mr. Helfrich would provide council with a letter of engagement or could provide a contract if they preferred. After Mr. Helfrich left John Hendrickson said that he would prefer a contract. Roy Williams asked council to consider having him do the rental inspections rather than NEIC in 2017.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 PM