

Planning Commission of the Borough of Matamoras

Meeting Minutes of February ²¹~~14~~, 2023

Chairman Madsen	P	Mr. Anderson	P	Mr. Oszczepinski	P
Mr. Addison	P	Mrs. Salvato	P	Mr. McIntyre	P
Mr. Howard	P			Mr. Bolles, Zoning Officer	P

The Planning Board convened at 7:00 pm.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 23, 2023:

M: Salvato/Oszczepinski. All in favor.

Chairman Madsen noted the focus of the meeting tonight would be the Chapter 105 Street and Sidewalks Article IV review.

There was no public comment.

There was no correspondence received.

Old Business:

- a. 2nd Amendment Resolution: Tabled

New Business:

- a. Chapter 105 Street and Sidewalks Article IV review.
Mr. Madsen asked Mr. Bolles to explained to the Planning Commission why this is being presented. Mr. Bolles noted the deficits of Chapter 105. The Commission was provided a sample ordinance from a neighboring town that is more comprehensive and would better serve the needs of the Borough and preserve the roadways. He suggested only additive to the proposed ordinance would be adding our §105-33 Laying of sidewalks and curbs. Mr. Bolles and Mr. McIntyre were in agreement that §105-32 Violations and penalties should also be considered to be integrated into the proposed revised ordinance. A \$1,000 fine is suggested by the Solicitor.

Mr. McIntyre summarized the issues as follows: recourse against excavators, lane closure issues, filling excavated areas, bonds and street closures. Replace Matamoras Chapter 105 Article IV §105-24 through §105-32 with the ordinance used by the neighboring borough. Retain §105-33. Use a hybrid definition of “streets”.

Mr. Madsen directed the Committee to Section 14.5 of the proposed ordinance and reiterated the fine is requested to be increased from \$600 to \$1,000.

Mr. Bolles noted a zoning amendment will be upcoming and that review of the code book should be an ongoing project. Would like to have Council give broad direction to update the Borough Codes, allowing Planning to review and give recommendations as they see fit.

Motion to adjourn 7:25 pm: M: Oszczepinski. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Marianne Brown
Planning Secretary