

**Planning Commission of the Borough of Matamoras
Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2024**

Call to Order, Salute to the flag and Roll Call @ 7:01 pm.

Mr. Eddie Addison Chairman	P	Mr. Bob Howard	P	Mr. Jason Ohliger Solicitor	P
Mr. Dave Oszczepinski Vice Chair	P	Mr. Mark Madsen	P	Mr. Shawn Bolles Zoning Officer	P
Mr. Rich Anderson	P	Mrs. Lisa Salvato	P		
Mr. Danny Fernandez	P	Mrs. Kelli Johnson Alternate	P		

3 members of the public were present.

A motion to approve the Meeting minutes of September 17, 2024 & Workshop minutes of September 25, 2024, was made by Mark Madsen, and seconded by Bob Howard. 6 in favor, Rich Anderson abstained. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Dimitry Roby 105 PA Ave commented the planning commission should implement design control on trusses. Feels flat roofs would better serve air conditioning units and buffer zones should be used for plants. Also noted that “retail” is encouraged in the comprehensive plan and should not be put as a conditional use.

Correspondence:

- Letter from the Council requesting that the Planning Commission review a draft of the garbage ordinance and any other garbage-related ordinances. A copy of the draft ordinance is included.

Old Business:

- a) Motion to recommend denial to the Council regarding 507-509 PA Ave Redevelopment Project. **M: Fernandez/Oszczepinski. All in favor.**
- b) Motion to table Borough Ordinance Review-Ongoing-general review of all ordinances not listed below. **M: Oszczepinski /Madsen. All in favor.**
- c) Joint Comprehensive Plan Discussion: Westfall Township has requested an RFP “not to exceed \$120,000”. There may be grant money available. If a grant does not cover the entire project, our Solicitor noted that he has been in contact with Solicitor ~~Bethany~~ *Bernathy* from Westfall Township, and they discussed (acknowledging that neither of them can bind this without a vote from the Councils) that everyone understands that Westfall would bear the substantial financial burden of the project. **Motion to table was made by Mr. Madsen and seconded by Mr. Fernandez with all in favor.**
- d) Motion to table Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Medical Marijuana Growers/Processors was made by Mr. Oszczepinski and seconded by Mr. Anderson with all in favor. A Medical Marijuana Ordinance was drafted by Mr. McIntyre. Copies were distributed to all members to review and discuss further at the next meeting. **Motion to table passed.**
- e) Motion to recommend approval of Act 537 to the Council contingent upon receiving comment on Matamoras’ behalf from Kiley & Associates. **M: Anderson/Fernandez.** Discussion ensued. **6 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carried.**

New Business:

- a. Motion to table review of Garbage Ordinance §67-1 through §67-15 pending revisions regarding can requirements and verbiage from Milford Borough regarding residential collection. **M: Fernandez/Osczepinski.** Discussed amending the can size requirements to whatever the authority or its contractor requires. Requested the solicitor to draft §67-2. Members questioned if it would be a requirement for residents to use the Municipal Authority or if they could opt out of collection. Economic scale issues have a direct impact; if “opt-out” is allowed the fixed cost of garbage collection may be impacted. A lengthy discussion ensued. Once the garbage goes to the Municipal Authority the Borough is out of the garbage business. The purpose of the ordinance is to be able to file enforcement action against anyone not abiding by the program and the basic requirements of the garbage ordinance. **All in favor.**

Motion to adjourn 8:24 pm: **M: Fernandez/Osczepinski. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Brown
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