

MAY 18, 2022
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268
PUBLIC HEARING

Council President C. Harold Mumma called the public hearing of the Waynesboro Borough Council to order at 6:15 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Borough Council Members – Jarred Knott, Patrick Fleagle, Jon Fleagle, C. Harold Mumma and Dade Royer (Michael Cermak was absent)

Mayor Richard Starliper

Borough Staff – Jason Stains, Borough Manager
Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services
Sam Wiser, Solicitor (Salzmann Hughes, PC)
S. Leiter Pryor, Director of Utilities
Matt Schmidt, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer
Jim Sourbier, Police Chief
Chris Devers, Fire Chief

Solicitor Wiser noted that the public hearing is in regards to Appeal No. 575, in which the Calvary Assembly of God is seeking conditional use approval pursuant to Article IX, §295-100 – Electronic Message Center, of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance No. 1158 regarding the installation of an electronic sign on real estate identified as Franklin County Tax Parcel 26-5C16.-001A-EX0000, existing as 116 Snider Avenue, in an RM-Medium Density Residential District.

Mr. Wiser noted that Council's role is to hear testimony and evidence that supports the request for conditional use.

Pastor Dwan Newsome was present for the Applicant, Calvary Assembly of God. There being no further party of record, Pastor Newsome was sworn-in.

Mr. Wiser stated that Article XI, Section 295-100 of the Zoning Ordinance requires that specific criteria be met in order for a conditional use to be granted for an electronic message center. Upon questioning, Pastor Newsome testified as follows –

- There will only be one electronic message center at the property.
- The electronic message center will be programmed so that the displayed message does not change more frequently than one time per seven seconds.
- The electronic message center will not flash, scroll, twist, or otherwise move during the change of message.
- The electronic message center will not exceed 32 square feet in size.
- The electronic message center will not project beyond the property line.

- The electronic message center will not be erected within 20 feet of an intersection.

Mr. Wiser further stated that Article XII, Section 295-114 of the Zoning Ordinance requires that general criteria be met in order for a conditional use to be granted. Upon questioning, Pastor Newsome testified as follows –

- The electronic message center is consistent with the spirit, purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance.
- The electronic message center will not detract from the use of the neighborhood properties or from the character of the neighborhood.
- The electronic message center will serve the best interest of the public, health, safety and welfare of the Borough and the convenience of the community.
- The electronic message center will not have any impact upon public services such as public water, sewer, police or fire protection or public schools.
- The electronic message center will be consistent with sound standards of land development practice.
- The electronic message center will not have an impact on traffic hazards or congestion.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda S. Knott
Borough Secretary