RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of AUBURN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES—PUBLIC HEARING Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

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The Public Hearing for ZC2024-04 Accessory Building Height, was officially called to order by Chairman Eugene T. McCune, Jr. All the Trustees were present.

Mr. McCune commented that this amendment had to do with changing the height of accessory buildings from 23 feet to 18 feet. He asked Mr. Dietrich to explain the amendment.

David Dietrich stated that the 18' height had been what accessory buildings were in Auburn before it was changed to 23' and now it is being changed back. This change will not affect the true agricultural buildings. He also explained that this requirement is for detached structures.

P.J. Cavanagh commented that the Planning Commission recommended that the height remains at 23'. Mr. Dietrich indicated the new height has become problematic because in many instances the second floor of the structure is being turned into living space and the structures are not being built for human habitation.

Mr. Dietrich also commented that the viticulture statement was added to the amendment not as a regulation, but to inform applicants to obtain the correct license for viticulture through the state.

Fire Chief John Phillips agreed that it is problematic for the Fire Department when these spaces are converted to living space in an accessory building, because if there is a fire, the Fire Department does not know there is anybody living in it.

It was also noted that Auburn Township only allows one single family dwelling on a property. Because they are not being built for human occupancy, snow loads are not considered. In some cases, accessory buildings are being utilized as rental units.

Discussion took place regarding agricultural exemptions. Chief Phillips again commented that agriculture buildings are exempt, usually not inspected, and are problematic for the Fire Department.

There were no further comments.

Motion by Michael S. Troyan seconded by Patrick J. Cavanagh to close the Public Hearing for ZC-2024-04. Vote: Troyan, yes; Cavanagh, yes; McCune, yes. The motion passed.

The Public Hearing was closed and the Board moved on to the third Public Hearing.

Not Present

Daniel J. Matsko, Fiscal Officer

Michael S. Troyan

Patrick J. Cavanagh, Vice-Chairman

Eugene T. McCune Jr., Chairman

Jan 20, 2025

Date