

Walnut Township Trustees Public Hearing

**Date:** July 7, 2020

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Recorder:** Patricia McLoughlin

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Present</b>
Bill Yates, Trustee Chairman	<b>X</b>	Tim Morris, Parks & Roads	<b>X</b>	Tom Lininger, Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office	<b>X</b>
Terry Horn, Trustee	<b>X</b>	Mike Berry, Zoning Inspector	<b>X</b>	2 guests	<b>X</b>
Doug Leith, Trustee	<b>X</b>	Fiscal Officer Jane Baker	<b>X</b>		

<b>Discussion Summary</b>	<b>Action/Decision/Follow-Up</b>
<p>Trustee Horn introduced Tom Lininger from the county Prosecutor's Office to address any concerns or answer any questions. The PMC will be based on the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code with additional items adopted by Amanda township were added to this code were added as an Addendum.</p> <p>Rich Warren, resident of North Bank in Millersport asked what properties might be on the radar of the township. The Trustees said that the code would be focused on properties of most need. This code would be applied from the street level only; there would be no in home inspections. Chris Sasso, resident of North Bank in Millersport said that he would like to see a volunteer committee to help lift people up; elderly people that may not be able to afford repairs or physically able to do the repairs themselves, how do we lift these people up instead of sending them letters notifying them of violations. Trustee Horn said that this code will be implemented on a priority basis as there are limited funds available to support this and the township is hoping to address the most egregious cases.</p> <p>The public asked what the process would be and Trustee Horn said that a position will be posted to hire an inspector. That person would visit the properties, a letter would be sent to the property owner identifying the violation and a time limit to bring the property to code. If the property owner did not fix the property or failed to respond, the matter would be forwarded to the Lancaster Law Director's Office for further processing. If the property still wasn't brought to code, the property owner would be summoned in front of the Common Pleas Court.</p> <p>Tom Lininger from the Prosecutor's Office was present to explain the process and answer any questions or concerns from the public.</p>	

<p>Resolution 13-2020 was passed to move forward with the PMC and the hiring of an inspector.</p>	<p>Motion to adopt Resolution by Trustee Yates, second by Trustee Horn. Roll call: 3 YES</p>
<p>Motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Horn Roll call: 3 YES</p>

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Trustee Chairman Bill Yates

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