

July 27, 2021

The regularly scheduled reorganization meeting of the New Milford Borough Zoning Hearing Board was called to order by Chairperson Eleanor Lempke at 6:30 p.m. at the borough building. Members in attendance were: Eleanor Lempke, Joyce Cobb and Richard Zick II. Others in attendance were: Amy Hine, Secretary; Attorney Paul Litwin, Attorney Michael Briechle, Greg Scheer, Codes/Zoning officer; Ruth Lynch, Peter Savage, Paul Dacley and Gretchen VanWalley.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll call attendance was taken: Eleanor Lempke – present

Richard Zick II – present

Joyce Cobb – present

A motion was made by R. Zick II and seconded by J. Cobb to accept the minutes from the January 28, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Richard Zick II nominated Eleanor Lempke as Chairperson. Seconded by Joyce Cobb. Eleanor Lempke nominated Richard Zick II as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Joyce Cobb. There were no other nominations. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Zick II and seconded by E. Lempke to retain Anthony Paul Litwin as solicitor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Zick II and seconded by J. Cobb to retain Amy Hine as the Secretary. Motion carried.

Chairman Eleanor Lempke said we are having a hearing for the appeal submitted by Peter Savage of the New Milford Borough Zoning Officer's denial on May 11, 2021, of an application for a zoning permit for the addition of a crematorium to an existing funeral home located at 932 Main Street, New Milford, in a commercial zoning district.

Chairman Eleanor Lempke noted that the applicant, Peter Savage, was present, as was Michael Briechle, Attorney representing New Milford Borough. There was no one else that wanted to be party to this proceeding.

Chairman Eleanor Lempke stated that the Zoning Hearing Board has jurisdiction of appeals from actions of the Zoning Enforcement Officer pursuant to 909.1 (3) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and Section 905.2 (B) of the New Milford Borough Zoning Ordinance.

Chairman Eleanor Lempke noted that there were no other parties wishing to be heard with respect to this hearing.

Chairman Eleanor Lempke turned the conduct of the hearing over to the zoning solicitor, Paul Litwin.

Attorney Michael Briechle asked that because the property was properly posted that the hearing be continued to August 24, 2021. Mr. Savage said he would object to that request.

A motion was made by E. Lempke and seconded by R. Zick to recess the hearing until August 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Motion carried.