

**February 2019
Galena Planning & Zoning Meeting**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Chipraino at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

Those in attendance were Chairman Robert Chipraino and Member Bud Felty. Also in attendance, **Council Member Frank Bogdan**, Zoning Attorney Mitch Mowell, Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Shaw, Zoning Coordinator Kathleen Billmire, Clerk Pam McCoy; MD Dept. of Planning, David Dahlstrom. Not present Member, Ed Macchione.

Motions

Approval of the January 28, 2019, Record of Minutes: **Member Felty motioned to accept minutes as written; Member Bogdan second motion, all present were in favor. Motion carried.**

Review Text Amendment of Backyard Chickens in Town of Galena: Kathie Billmire, Zoning Coordinator, advised that Mayor and Council requested Planning and Zoning to review and give their recommendations for text amendment considering backyard chickens.

Chairman, Chipriano determined not enough information was provided and would like to see language changing number of chickens, size of lot/property and limitations of fines, site plan to include material and size of chicken coop. Chairman, Chipriano suggested provisions of no additional chickens to existing flock while in violation. Mayor and Council's intent is unclear of intent to survey the public. Existing Ordinance in place regarding fencing needs consideration whereas there will be no contradiction for text amendment. Attorney, Mitch Mowell, stated that the document from Mayor and Council is not a text amendment. A text amendment shows portions stricken and sections added in comparison to the current Ordinance and can be introduced by Mayor and Council and/or Planning and Zoning Commission and/or by an individual. **Member Felty motioned to table recommendation so they can review the proposed text amendment until their March 25th meeting, Council Member Bogdan second motion, all present were in favor. Motion carried.**

Approval of the February 26, 2019, Audio Minutes: **Member Felty motioned to accept minutes as recorded; Council Member Bogdan second motion, all present were in favor. Motion carried.**

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Planning and Zoning, **Council Member Bogdan motioned to adjourn the meeting; Member Felty second motion, all present were in favor.** Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Recommendations/Comments

Zoning Coordinator, Kathleen Billmire reported there were no permits or no use permits issued for the month of February. Comprehensive plan is on hold. Sub-Division review will begin March 25, 2019. On February 15, 2019 complaint of loud muffler & speeding in Dogwood Village in early morning hours, Sheriff was asked to investigate.

Sara Merrill, 111 S. Main Street, commented she started with four (4) chickens and now has (2) two and they do use chicken wire for their coop which may need improvements. She would like to see this town ordinance current and up to date for sustainability for the community.

Respectfully submitted,

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