

Hopkins Township Ordinance Enforcement Bureau
Minutes of Meeting, May 23, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Hills, Bruce Modreske and Carol Levandoski - Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: See attached sign in sheet.

Meeting called to order at 7:24pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm

NEW BUSINESS CONDUCTED:

1. Walter Hazen, Citation issued for violation of blight ordinance as per Township written agreement for parcel # 0310-010-013-00.

Mr. Hazen pled guilty and agreed to pay the fine to PCI and have his place cleaned up by June 12, 2006, the date originally set for this appearance. Mr. Hazen also submitted a list of additional addresses in the township which he considered to be in violation of the blight ordinance and is requesting the township follow-up. The board indicated that all we could do was pass the on to the appropriate people. See attached document.

2. William Reurink, Citation issued for operating a home based business without property permits on parcel # 0310-011-012-00.

Mr. Reurink stated that he didn't know he was required to attend the Township Planning meeting to represent his application.

Lori Castello, who is the Hopkins Township Planning Commission Chair, indicated that Mr. Reurink's application was reviewed and board members and residents had questions that need to be answered and the board tabled Mr. Reurink's request until the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Reurink indicated that now that he knows what is required he attend the next meeting.

Carol Levandoski made the observation that there appears to be a timing issue with the Planning meeting held on April 23rd, the citation being issued on May 11th and the Planning meeting minutes not yet generated nor was Mr. Reurink notified that his application rescheduled. Doug Hills pointed out that it's only this board's duty to hear the resident's plea with regard to the citation and not offer advice or suggestions.

Mr. Reurink pled not-guilty indicating that 1) he applied for a special use permit and didn't know he was required to attend the township meeting where that application was reviewed. 2) He is not running a home based business; he runs the same business that he has operated for over 15 years, building farms. 3) He does not maintain an office in his home; he has a hired accountant who maintains his books.

Motion to adjourn was made by Doug Hills at 7:44pm; supported by Bruce Modreske.

3 ayes; 0 nays Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Levandoski