

The February 4, 2020, special workshop meeting of the Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors was held at 623 Municipal Drive, Nazareth, Pennsylvania 18064. The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Pennington at 7:02 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chairman James Pennington  
Vice-Chairman Martin Boucher  
Supervisor Stephen Brown  
Supervisor Robert Hoyer  
Supervisor Amy Templeton

Township Manager – Lori Stauffer  
Zoning Officer – Lori Seese

**BUSINESS:**

L. Stauffer stated the workshop meeting was appropriately advertised on January 31, 2020, which meets the requirements of the Second Class Township Code with respect to advertisement requirements. The purpose of the meeting is solely to discuss the proposed draft ordinance to implement the 2018 Property Maintenance Code in Lower Nazareth Township. The meeting was not advertised to allow for action to be taken.

L. Stauffer reviewed the purpose of the Property Maintenance Code and how it would assist the zoning officer in handling various property maintenance issues that she currently must use the 1989 Nuisance Ordinance to address. The nuisance ordinance does not always provide her with the ability to enforce certain situations. L. Seese indicated in all the classes that she takes; municipalities are urged to adopt the property maintenance code.

During the course of discussion, the Board members expressed deep concern about the in-depth requirements that the property maintenance code includes. They stated the code appears intrusive and with the provisions in the code, it could lead to some issues that are undesirable.

Further discussion occurred as to whether the existing 1989 Nuisance Ordinance could be enhanced and modernized to include additional provisions that could be used to handle some of the problems the zoning officer faces. J. Pennington stated the Board needs to support the Township Manager and Zoning Officer in enforcement matters. Some of the current zoning enforcement issues were discussed.

The Board consensus was to not pursue adoption of the property maintenance code. They further concurred to discuss and explore the enhancement of the existing 1989 Nuisance Ordinance.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:05 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Lori A. Stauffer  
Township Manager**