

**BUILDING & BUILDING CODES COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 20, 2009**

The Building & Building Codes Committee meeting was held on July 20, 2009, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Don Willey, Vice Chair Mike Farrell, Larry Antoskiewicz; Council: Vince Gentile, Dan Kasaris, Gary Petrusky, John Nickell; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik; Other Attendees: Paul Marnecheck, Gary Smolik, Joanne DuMound, Amanda Trompak, Corrine Herris, Ashley Broadwater.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz **to approve the June 15, 2009 Minutes.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Signs

Gary Smolik, a North Royalton resident and owner of The Tractor Place came to the meeting to discuss advertising. Mr. Antoskiewicz said Mr. Smolik owns and would like to advertise with inflatables which are currently not permitted in the City of North Royalton. Mr. Smolik said he does not understand why as a governing body Council cannot control what is being put up in the city. He said he feels if he gets a permit and/or submits an application or a picture of what is going to be used for advertising, Council can vote on it to decide if it is appropriate. He said Council can also place a time limit on how long these inflatables can be displayed. He said he only wants to use these inflatables for special events.

Mr. Gentile told Mr. Smolik that the city has streamlined the whole sign process, and has made the process easier but we do not allow inflatables. He said if we allow one business to have inflatable signs, we will have to allow all other businesses to have inflatable signs. Mr. Smolik said he feels any company should be able to put up this type of advertising with Council's approval.

Mr. Willey said he can see the possibility of using these signs if a company is having a sale. Mayor Stefanik said he feels it cheapens the way the city looks. He feels getting a nice banner would be an effective way to advertise.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Abandoned houses update report

Mr. Alvarez is on vacation. Mayor Stefanik noted that there are quite a few grass cutting bills on the Council agenda. He said the city is committed to keeping at least the exterior of abandoned homes looking nice. He said Ms. Vozar is continuing to work with the banks to get their people out to cut when she is able to get a hold of them.

Mayor Stefanik said if anyone has any issues with abandoned homes to let him know and he will get the information to Mr. Alvarez, Mr. Swim and Ms. Vozar.

2. Proposal to amend grass/weed ordinances

This item can be removed from the agenda.

3. Wind Turbines

Mr. Gentile said we need to legislate something regarding wind turbines. He said Ms. Vozar is working on draft legislation which will address residential, business and industrial areas and she will distribute that draft to Council once it is finished. Mr. Willey said once Council receives the draft from Ms. Vozar and has an opportunity to review it, he would like to turn the information over to the EEE Committee. Mr. Gentile said he feels we need to legislate the location, the height and the attachment to the dwelling or detachment to the dwelling and what the process will be. He said due to the way technology is evolving, he does not feel we should legislate whether it should be a vertical or horizontal pipe system.

He said he is hoping to get something passed by the end of the year. Mr. Gentile said he feels we should address this combined with solar power. He does not feel it would be too difficult to do solar power as long as it was on the roof because it will not change the conformity of the house.

NEW BUSINESS

1. No New Business

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Farrell **to adjourn the meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.