

**Salem Township Planning Commission  
Minutes, February 6, 2020**

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance – 7 pm**

**Roll Call of Members – Present – Coupe, Pitsch, Myers, Berens, Wagner, Oosterink, Striegle (alt).**

**Absent – Boyles**

**Recognition of Visitors – Jim Pitsch, Township Supervisor**

**Approval of the January, 2020 Minutes – Motion by Wagner, seconded by Berens. Motion carried.**

**Comments from the Public – none noted.**

**Approval of the Agenda for the Meeting – Motion by Coupe, seconded by Oosterink. Motion carried.**

**Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted.**

**New Business –**

**Considerations for 2020 –**

- 1. Text Amendment for 34<sup>th</sup> Street regarding Home Occupations (11.28) – food prep**
- 2. Review Wedding Barn Ordinance, especially parking lot surfaces**
- 3. Zoning in New Salem, similar to Burnips (VC)**
- 4. Tractor Pulls in 144<sup>th</sup>**

**Budget for upcoming – no increase foreseen – handle by PC**

**Old Business -**

**Updates on previous issues – pending inspections**

**Solar Farming – sample local ordinances to be discussed next month**

**Correspondence received – on free Ottawa County Training for PC – Coupe & Pitsch to attend**

**Reports and Comments –**

**Township Board (by J Pitsch, Supervisor) – Transfer Station/Countywide surcharge – tabled, FEMA Flood maps – tabled, dust control measure passed, working on Parks grant, cameras for Township Hall, Veterans' flag holders, natural gas extension on 140<sup>th</sup>**

**PCI – Lori back to work part time, 3 days a week**

**Other/Roundtable – complaints to a member about walking path at park not being cleared of snow – Township not able to keep it clear due to practicality and cost.**

**NEXT MEETING – MARCH 5, 2020**

**Adjournment – Motion by Berens, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried. 7:53 pm.**