

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
MARCH 1, 2016**

1. Mayor N. Warren “Pete” Hess called the public hearing to order at **5:52 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

R. Neth	L. Jackson, arr. 5:58 p.m.
R. Burns	P. Scully, Sr.
K. Donovan	R. Vitale
C. Herb	D. Wisniewski, arr. 5:56 p.m.
D. Hoff	

PRESS:

L. Marshall

RESIDENTS:

Two

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

J. Lawlor, Human Resources Director
J. Kallipolites, Information Technology Director

R. Butler, Jr., Controller

OTHERS:

R. Oris, Heritage Downtown LLC
J. Lombard, Heritage Downtown LLC

E. Fitzpatrick, Attorney
K. McSherry, Attorney

2. Burgess Rocky Vitale led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Mayor Hess announced that the Public Hearing is for the purpose of considering the proposed amendment to **Chapter 4 – Alcoholic Beverages, Section 4:1 – Consumption and possession of alcoholic liquor within and upon public highways, sidewalks, parking areas restricted, Sub Section (c) – Exceptions.** Legal Notice of this hearing has been published in the Republican American Newspaper on February 28, 2016.

Mayor Hess stated that there will be a recording of the public hearing and everyone will be given an opportunity to speak after stating their name and address for the record.

4. Public Comment
No one from the public voiced their opinion regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.

Attorney Edward Fitzpatrick told the board the amendment to the Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance was requested by the Land Use Office staff. The staff received requests from restaurateurs to serve alcoholic beverages in outdoor dining areas. He said the Zoning Commission gave considerable time to the matter. They spoke to operators of facilities and measured sidewalks to ensure sufficient room for passage of pedestrians. The amendment requires a minimum of five feet sidewalk width for pedestrian travel. A restaurant owner has to submit a permit application from the Land Use Office and sign a Hold Harmless Agreement. Seasonal Outdoor Sidewalk Dining will be allowed no earlier than 6 a.m. and no later than 12 a.m. during April 1st to October 31st.

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5. Mayor Hess declared the public hearing closed at **6:07 p.m.**

A digital recording of this meeting is available in the office of the Borough Clerk for further review.

Attest:

Nancy K. DiMeo
Borough Clerk

cc: S. Goggin/File