

Royalton Township Public Hearing Minutes
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Approved

At 6:31 p.m., Tuesday, 30 January 2024, Zoning Administrator John Kemen called to order a duly published and posted public hearing. In attendance in the meeting room were Planning Commission members Leslie Orvis, Jeff Schlaeger, Priscilla Schneider, and Duane Swanson, with Gary Valvoda present via visual and audible electronic means. Supervisors John Graham and Marshall Pearson and Septic Administrator Amy Thompson also attended. Approximately nine members of the public were present.

Administrator Kemen reported the purpose of the hearing was to receive testimony on an application for an interim use permit for a vehicle detailing shop at 110 Greeley Road (PID 290374000) by Owner Daniel Smith and noted the ground rules for the hearing as printed in the agenda. Mr. Smith addressed the hearing noting that his Rush City business had expanded and needed additional space, hence his move to Royalton Township. He details cars, boats, recreational vehicles, and planes (the latter done remotely, not at this facility). All work is done inside an existing structure. He has no plans for enlarging the facilities and, if so, needed permits will be acquired. No new exterior lighting is planned. His is a one-person shop with no additional employees. He uses only water and unbuffered compounds, no acids or hazardous chemicals. Vehicles are washed inside the shop with the water dropping through the dirt floor.

Dale Heidelberger opined that the township needed to allow individuals to make a living. Leslie Orvis asked about the sign and how it compared to other signs in the township. Mr. Smith said it is a three-foot by four-foot sign mounted on wooden posts off the road right-of-way. The location was approved by the Pine County road authorities. Member Valvoda noted that the town's comprehensive plan encouraged business. John McKenzie questioned if the town had permission to inspect the inside of the shop; Administrator Kemen reported that such permission was a standard clause in the town's approval of an interim use permit. Administrator Kemen asked about the detailing of semis, to which Mr. Smith answered that he does not detail semis. Clerk Swanson reported that the permit would cease if the business or property were sold or if the business was idle for twelve consecutive months.

Clerk Swanson reported that notice of this hearing had been published in the Pine City *Pioneer* and the *County News-Review* (Cambridge), that official letters had been sent to 38 Royalton Township property holders and to 48 Nessel Township property holders, and that the hearing notice had been posted on the town's posting board and on the town's website. The town office had received no verbal or written comments.

After asking if anyone still wished to speak, and hearing no one, Administrator Kemen declared the hearing adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk

ATTEST:

_____, John Kemen, Zoning Administrator
_____, Leslie Orvis, Planning Commission Chair
_____, Jeff Schlaeger, Planning Commission Member
_____, Priscilla Schneider, Planning Commission Member
_____, Gary Valvoda, Planning Commission Member