



The Village of Boston Heights
Public Hearing August 9, 2016

**VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
Tuesday, August 9, 2016**

The Public Hearing meeting of the Village of Boston Heights was called to order at 6:33 PM on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 by Mayor Bill Goncey

Motion to adopt the Public Hearing Agenda made by J. Miller and seconded by R. Antal

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present:

J. Miller
R. Antal
D. Polyak
B. Bartko
R. Fenn
H. Davis

Other officials present: Betty Klingenberg and Thomas DiCaudo (approx. 7PM)

Absent: Marshal Pitchford

CALL TO ORDER:

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

**ORDINANCE 2016-6-9
(Third Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1143.99 AND REPEALING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1175.99 REGARDING PENALTIES FOR IMPROPER STORAGE FACILITIES, AND CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1177.04 REGARDING IMPROPER TREE AND TIMBER CUTTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Discussion held:

Mr. Bartko questions why the Village is getting rid of penalties for codified ordinances. The Ordinance was read by Mayor Goncey and clarified that the Village is not getting rid of fines; however, it will be clarifying the penalties



- Mr. Herbig wants to know if this pertains to property owners who own 10 acres or more. Per Mayor Goncy, yes it does
- Residents express concerns that they have been in violation for years and wants to know what the purpose of this ordinance is
- Must get permit to clear cut
- Concerns with penalties being the same no matter how many trees are being cut down
- Concerns with quick clear cutting before enforcement
- Concerns about commonly taking down trees, dead ash? Violation? According to the ordinance if a tree is diseased or dead, it is OK to take down – if you want to clear property check with the Village Zoning Inspector
- J miller would like to move this back to the Planning Commission
- No clear cutting on less than 10 acres but can cut dead trees
- Fine is per incident, not per tree – concern with penalties being the same for someone who clear-cuts as well as someone who just cuts down one tree
- D. Polyak suggests looking at possible amendment, after 10 trees maybe look at a higher fine
- Diana – didn't know anything about this or acreage – have been cutting dead trees on property which is 4.69 acres – none of this applies to us? Correct

Motion to adjourn by R. Antal and seconded by D. Polyak

End public hearing 7:27 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM


(Attested by Betty Klingenberg, Fiscal Officer)

9-15-16

Date