

Public Hearing – March 22, 2021 @ 6:50 p.m.
Council Bill No. 1960 – House/Building Numbers

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, March 22, 2021 @ 6:50 p.m.; Council convened as a Hearing Board in order to hear and receive comments, written and oral, reviews and have discussion on the proposed Council Bill No. 1960 – House/Building Numbers. Mayor Walsh opened the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Other Council Members present were: James Aughenbaugh, Diane Bernardo, Shane Dietz, Shannon Gabriel; and City Controller, David Volpe. Also present were: City Manager, John “Herm” Suplizio; City Solicitor, Toni Cherry; City Engineer/Public Works Director, Chris Nasuti; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Police Chief, Blaine Clark (who was accompanied by his grandson Tanner); and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Mayor Walsh opened the hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Walsh asked if there were any public comments or concerns.

There were three residents present (Sandra Bumpers – 504 South Ave, Doris Sands – 347 B Patterson Ave, & Joanne Wachob – 347 C Patterson Ave) who voiced their concerns on the height of the numbers required. The ladies that lived in the condos stated that 6” numbers do not fit between the window and the front door. They feel that 4 -5” numbers are the normal size used for house numbers on plaques.

City Manager Suplizio stated the emergency services such as fire department, police department, and ambulances would like to have 6”. He stated that it is for the resident’s protection; but if it isn’t possible to make 6” numbers fit, maybe we can take a look at it and give an exemption. He stressed, it is not the City itself that is requesting this, it is the emergency services. It is really hard to see numbers smaller than 6” when it is dark outside. It would make their jobs much easier if all numbers were consistent and in plain view from the front.

The ladies questioned on whether or not Lowe’s have the corresponding letters in 6”. City Manager Suplizio stated he was not sure about that; he had checked for the numbers.

City Solicitor Cherry asked if the ladies didn’t use a plaque and compressed just the numbers together, would they fit then?

The ladies said possibly but it would be very very tight.

Councilwoman Bernardo asked the ladies where the paper numbers they displayed came from. One stated that her brother has a machine that will print vinyl and he had made them. Bernardo stated that she had picked up the numbers from Lowe’s and they are not as wide as the ones on the paper. Maybe a change in font would help.

City Solicitor Cherry asked if each condo has a front window. The ladies confirmed that they do. Solicitor Cherry stated that at her office she does not want to drill in the brick to put the street number, so she displays a large number 1 in her front window. The ladies thought that was a good idea.

Councilwoman Bernardo stated that the numbers at Lowe’s (and she is not an advocate for Lowe’s) are reflective.

One of the ladies mentioned that they put their house number on their garage in Florida.

City Manager Suplizio said we don’t want that, what if the door is open during an emergency. It would be nice if all the condos put their numbers in the same place, it would really benefit everyone. We will work with everyone to get this accomplished.

City Solicitor Cherry asked if there was a specific material named in the Ordinance. Should we change the ordinance to include other types of material for the signs?

Councilmen Aughenbaugh stated that you can get reflective vinyl that could work for signs.

City Solicitor Cherry said that you can also get reflective paper that could work if you put it on the inside of your front window.

Cherry then asked if we need to amend our Ordinance to state “or some other suitable material as approved by the Code Enforcement Officer”.

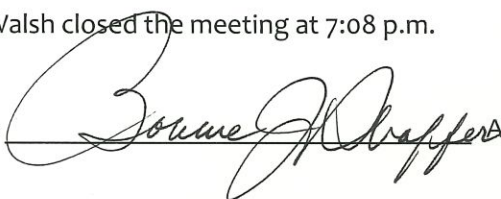
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Council felt that those changes would make the Ordinance better.

Cherry stated that due to the changes she would have to read the entire Ordinance where the changes would be taking affect. Mayor Walsh stated he understood.

Mayor Walsh closed the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

ATTEST:



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