

Air Pollution Control Commission – Minutes
Tuesday January 20th, 2015, 6:30 P.M.
Borough Administration Center
Assembly Chambers

APCC Commissioners Present

Kathleen Hook – Chair
Mark Sherman – Vice Chair
Gwen Holdmann
Kent Severns
Larry Duffy
Thomas Douglas

APCC Commissioners Absent

Others present

John Davies – Borough Assembly
Mayor Hopkins

FNSB Transportation Department / Air Quality

Glenn Miller
Ron Lovell
Todd Thompson
Christy DeHaven

6:30 pm Meeting Called To Order

INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chair, Kathleen Hook, and the Commission was introduced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from December 3rd, 2014 approved unanimously with no corrections.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

John Charlstrom – Resident of the Borough, speaks about why only regulating wood stoves, and not regulating any other type of heating devices.

Harry Barber – resident of the Borough, speaks about the statement Mr. Davies said about how many people may have died in the Borough due to air quality, and that it is just an opinion, not a fact.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW AND DISCUSS PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.21 Of The FNSB Code Of Ordinances Regarding The PM2.5 Air Quality Control Program, Amending 2.48.120 Regarding The Air Pollution Control Commission's Duties, And Amending 1.04.050 Regarding The Fine Schedule To Add Violations Of The PM2.5 Air Quality Control Program. (Sponsors: Assemblymembers Davies, Dodge and Golub)

John Davies gives overview of the proposed ordinance, section by section.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

29:10

Lance Roberts, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance, and pointed out areas of concern to be addressed.

Lee Bridgeman, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Susan Gainey, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance, cleaner, cheaper heating option is the answer.

Travis Anderson, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Steve Vincent, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Roderick Sikma, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance. (49:35)

Ray ?

Larry Smith spoke instead of Ray, resident of Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Jim Gibertoni, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Ruben McNeill, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Ken Scotti, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance. (1:06:49)

Mike Budd, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Mike Pollen, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Steve Stringen for Evan Wheeler, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Tom Kirstein, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance. (1:27:51)

Dan Swift, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Jennifer Schmidt, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance, needs to be Borough wide.

Greg Egan, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance, in support of the ordinance. Don't want to let the perfect become the enemy. If you don't have clean air nothing else matters.

Rita Osborne, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Mike Musick, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance. (1:47:09)

Ray Sabolski, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance, does the maintenance on the boilers at the hospital.

Chris Stagdon, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Kathryn Mowery, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Jeff Gully, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Patrice Lee, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Doug Gering, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance. (2:13:10)

Steve Keller, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Sharon Berry, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Brian Lashensky, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.

Aaron Lageski, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.
Mary Ann Nichols, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.
Norbert Able, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.
Carrie Dersch, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.
Jimmy Fox, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance.
Dan Gibbons, resident of the Borough, commented on proposed ordinance. (2:49:06)

{Taking 10 minute Break}

Commissioner Hook: Seeing that we have no more citizen comments, we will move on to the next item.

Commission Discussion and Recommendation

(After much discussion, questions to Davies, the Mayor and AQ staff, and debate, the Commission drafts a letter of recommendations to the Mayor pertaining to the proposed ordinance 2015-01, as follows):

At the Air Pollution Control Commission (APCC) meeting on January 20, 2015, the APCC took the following actions:

The APCC voted 5 - 1 to approve proposed ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01 -- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.21 Of The FNSB Code Of Ordinances Regarding The PM2.5 Air Quality Control Program, Amending 2.48.120 Regarding The Air Pollution Control Commission's Duties, And Amending 1.04.050 Regarding The Fine Schedule To Add Violations Of The PM2.5 Air Quality Control Program. (Sponsors: Assemblymembers Davies, Dodge and Golub) - **with the following recommendations:**

- 1) Investigate opacity measurements and compliance.
- 2) Consider adding an education piece to substitute for proposed fines.
- 3) Investigate a standard procedure to obtain "neighborhood background level,"; include a definition of the term "neighborhood."
- 4) Clarify definition of "cleaner source of heat" and "furnace."
- 5) Consider a waiver based on economic hardship.
- 6) Investigate the consequences of sales of homes which include solid fuel burning appliances.
- 7) Consider a pathway for approval of engineered systems to reduce stack emissions.
- 8) Consider adding clarification to the language regarding "impact to residents," or "crossing property boundaries."
- 9) (In the Whereas statements), expand on the economic impacts of being in non-attainment.
- 10) Consider deferring fines until September 1, 2015.

(4:53:00)

MOTION: Commissioner Duffy moves to approve the listed recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Sherman. Vote was 5 yes, 1 no by Commissioner Severns. Motion is approved.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: (4:54:00)

Commissioner Sherman – Speaks to how this commission has responsibility to move forward, and that approving the proposed ordinance is a good start. Thanks the commission and the public for sticking out this long meeting.

Commissioner Hook – Agrees with Sherman, that this ordinance is a step in the right direction.

Commissioner Holdmann – We can't let perfect stand in the way of good, and this ordinance is a first proactive step we have had in a long time.

Mayor Hopkins – Speaks to the good work the APCC has done, and encourages the APCC to look at supporting a dry wood initiative in some manner.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45PM.

With my signature, I certify the accuracy and completeness of the minutes above.

DATE: _____

Commissioner Hook, Chair, FNSB Air Pollution Control Commission