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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 AT 6:15 PM**

### **STACI SAMUELS APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE OF PROPERTY**

**CALL TO ORDER, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Chairman Cole called the Public Hearing to order at 6:15 PM in the Municipal Building, followed by a moment of silence and salute to the flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Supervisors in attendance were Kevin Cole, Charlie Bauer and Bernie Blystone. Also present were Debra E. Merritt, Secretary/Treasurer/Zoning Officer; Sharla Polach, Court Reporter; and Staci Samuels, Applicant.

**CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF REASON FOR HEARING.** Mr. Cole stated that Staci Samuels has filed a Conditional Use of Property Application for a Home Lot Occupation in order to operate a floral design business on her property located at 22219 US Highways 6 and 19, Venango PA 16440. Ms. Samuels' request for Conditional Use approval is regulated by Section 303A of the 2016 Cambridge Township Zoning Ordinance.

**IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER PARTIES WISHING TO BE HEARD:** Mr. Cole requested that Court Reporter, Sharla Polach administer the Oath. Ms. Polach requested that anyone wishing to comment or give testimony to stand, raise their hand, and take the Oath. All those in attendance took the oath.

**OUTLINE OF PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED DURING THE HEARING:** Mr. Cole stated that Ms. Polach would be taking the official transcript of the hearing.

**STATEMENT OF ZONING OFFICER – DEBRA E. MERRITT:** Ms. Merritt stated that Staci Samuels filed an Application for Conditional Use of Property for a Home Lot Occupation in order to establish a floral design business on her property located at 22219 US Highways 6 and 19, Venango, PA 16440 on February 6, 2022 and paid the required \$125.00 fee. Notice of the Public Hearing was duly advertised in the Friday, February 25, 2022 and Friday, March 4, 2022 editions of the *Meadville Tribune*, as well as posted on the Township's bulletin board and website on Friday, February 25, 2022, with the property in question being posted on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Ms. Merritt concluded by stating that the property is zoned Residential, and that the Township had not received any complaints or comments regarding Ms. Samuels' request.

**APPLICANT'S PRESENTATION OF THEIR CASE:** Ms. Samuels stated that she was seeking approval to operate a floral design business on her property. She stated that while enduring a medically difficult eight years, she came to find solace in growing flowers in her garden and creating floral designs that brought joy to others. Ms. Samuels stated that she has been creating floral designs for bridal parties and weddings, and that she wished to expand her operation to include a small retail shop and design studio. She further noted that she intended to host educational workshops for the community, as well as seed, bulb and plant sales, and wreath sales during the holiday season.

Mr. Bauer confirmed with Ms. Samuels that she was aware of the regulations for Home Lot Occupations contained in the Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Samuels stated that she was, and that the information had been provided to her by the Zoning Officer.

**OBJECTOR'S PRESENTATION OF THEIR CASE:** There were no objectors present, therefore no comments were made.

**OTHER TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE:** There was no other testimony or evidence offered by those in attendance.

**REBUTTAL BY OBJECTOR:** With no objectors in attendance, there were no rebuttals presented.

**CONCLUDING REMARKS AND NOTICE OF DECISION:** With there being no further testimony, or comments, Mr. Cole moved to approve the Application for the Conditional Use of Property for Staci Samuels' Home Lot Occupation in order to operate a floral design business on her property located at 22219 US Highways 6 and 19, Cambridge Township. Motion seconded by Mr. Blystone.

Cole: Yes

Bauer: Yes

Blystone: Yes

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Cole moved to adjourn the Hearing, with a second by Mr. Bauer. All were in favor and the Hearing was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Debra E. Merritt". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Debra E. Merritt, Secretary/Treasurer