

[Prior to the meeting Mr. Rick Shaffer read a message of respect and celebration for the first responders who save his wife's life when she had an unexpected heart attack on October 4, 2021. The Police Officers and Firefighter/Medics that responded were presented with Lifesaving Awards at the last Council Meeting.]

This Public Hearing was called to order on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:04 p.m. by Jon Hannan, Council President. Mrs. Field thanked God for all those that served our community, she gave an invocation, and Mayor Broska lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mike Lampa, Justin Ring, Jon Hannan, Anthony Lombardo, Jennifer Wagner, Julie Field

ABSENT: Chuck Kocisko

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor  
Frank Beni, Law Director  
Patricia Wain, Police Chief  
Rob Reinholz, Fire Chief  
Bill Miller, Service Director  
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director  
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director  
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager  
Katie Harrison, Water Dept. Administrator  
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council  
[by Zoom video conferencing:]  
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director  
Justin Czekaj, Engineering Director

**MOTION: TO EXCUSE MR. KOCISKO WHO COULD NOT GET THE ZOOM CONNECTION TO WORK.**

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-7112 Zoning Text Amendment Regarding Backyard Chickens

Mr. Hannan opened the floor for comments. Bridget Pavlick, 1288 Shawnee Trail, spoke her thoughts on the subject, not to change anyone's mind, but because she thought both sides of the issue needed presented. She was against changing the existing legislation. She thought there were more important things the City could be working on, and she was afraid that a lot of time was going to have been wasted on this. She said the City didn't have good enforcement for the areas that were prohibited and she didn't think changing the regulations was going to add much more to the mix or clean up the illegal or prohibited chickens. She worried that chickens would be a new "pet" and when people tired of them, the chickens would become feral. There was a very large problem with feral chickens in Miami-Dade County that had to be caught and euthanatized. She was also afraid people would get chickens and not register properly because others in the past had not.

Mrs. Pavlick said she lived in an area that did not allow chickens, which she appreciated, because she didn't want chickens, but she didn't want to step on anyone else's right to have them, but there were zoning regulations and rules that people/homeowners/citizens/residents had to follow every day. She said if that was not being addressed, then she didn't see why the City had to go any further with this; it was kind of a waste of time. He had just wanted to share how she, as a resident, felt about the issue, and she didn't think it was a good idea.

Connie Peshko, 9150 Page Road, said she was in support of having chickens. She felt it added a nice element to the community; she liked to see them in other people's yards as long as they were contained to their own yards and lot loose in the neighborhood. She thought anyone that

seriously wanted to have chickens would read up on the subject to learn how to take care of them properly and keep them secure and clean. Mrs. Peshko would hate for those that wanted them to not be able to have chickens. She said she knew some people in Streetsboro and the surrounding communities that kept chickens and they and their children enjoyed it and learned life lessons from taking care of the animals. She said the chickens had personalities and she liked seeing them in the community; she hoped people that wanted them would continue to be allowed to have chickens.

Bonnie Mayfield, 9160 Page Road, said she'd had chickens in the past and understood what they were like. She said she couldn't understand how there was such a ruckus over one phone call that was made about a rooster that started all this. She thought that had been corrected really quick to end the noise problem, because roosters could be a problem, but regular chickens didn't really bother anybody. She said she would take a whole neighborhood with chickens over barking dogs. She said the neighboring communities all allowed chickens and they didn't seem to have a problem, if they kept it limited to six. She felt if this proposed legislation was passed to let people have chickens, because there were a lot of people in Streetsboro that had chickens, the City should make amends to the poor lady that was made to get rid of her chickens (an apology and get some chickens back).

There were no other comments from the audience or the Council Members.

There being no further business to be addressed during this Public Hearing, and upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa, this meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

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Jon Hannan, Council President