

TOWNSHIP OF STROUD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING, February 7, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 24 (TAXATION; SPECIAL) OF THE STROUD TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD A NEW PART 4 TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTEER SERVICE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM; ESTABLISH LOCAL TAX CREDITS FOR QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE STROUD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND APPEALS.

The Public Hearing of the Stroud Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairwoman & Secretary, Christine A. Wilkins at 6:30 P.M., Also present were Vice Chairwoman & Ass't Secretary, Jennifer Shukaitis; Supervisor/Ass't Treasurer, Edward C. Cramer; Township Manager, Daryl A. Eppley; Township Solicitor, Todd Weitzmann; and Recording Secretary, Janice Willey. Mrs. Wilkins began the hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Wilkins read the public notice aloud, see attached, then turned the hearing over to Mr. Weitzmann for an explanation of procedure. Mr. Weitzmann gave a full explanation of the hearing and said now Mr. Eppley will enter exhibits, **T-1**, Proof of Publication, notice ran 1/27/2023. Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **enter Exhibit T-1**. Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Mrs. Wilkins then asked if anyone attending wanted to participate. Marv Walton thanked the Board for bringing this to the table for consideration and said this will provide an incentive for volunteering. Patrick Bull read a statement from the Volunteer Fire Department and their families also thanking the Board and township management for support and adopting this ordinance. This adoption will help with recruitment and retention in the department. Mr. Cramer said you all are aware of the criteria which is in the bylaws and also explained if members decide to use this for their earned income tax credit as opposed to property tax credit, there is a form to fill out and submit for Berkheimer.

Mr. Cramer then made a motion to **adopt Ordinance No. 1-2023, Amending Chapter 24 Taxation; Special) Of The Stroud Township Code Of Ordinances To Add A New Part 4 To Establish A Volunteer Service Tax Credit Program; Establish Local Tax Credits For Qualified Volunteer Members Of The Stroud Township Volunteer Fire Department; And Establish Administrative Procedures And Appeals.**

Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business, Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **adjourn the hearing at 6:41 P.M.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Willey
Administrative and Recording Secretary