

# **PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

December 19, 2024

## **A PUBLIC MEETING FOR ORDINANCE 24-07; AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MANCHESTER, YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING CHAPTER 150, SECTION 357.4 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MANCHESTER, ENTITLED “SOLAR ENERGY FARM” TO SPECIFY SCREENING CRITERIA FOR SOLAR ENERGY FARMS LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MANCHESTER**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Supervisors Present:

Steven Harlacher – Chairman  
Ron Ruman – Vice-Chairman  
George Margetas - Supervisor

Staff Present:

Kelly Kelch – Township Manager  
Laura Mummert – Stenographer  
Lori Trimmer – Parks & Recreation  
Keith Whittaker – Finance  
Clif Laughman – Fire Chief  
John Snyder – Police Chief  
Rainer Neideroest – Engineer  
Rachelle Sampere – Zoning Officer  
Andrew Herrold – Solicitor  
Rich Shaw – Public Works

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Harlacher called the Public Hearing meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Harlacher stated the purpose of this meeting was to amend the code to specify screening criteria for solar energy farms. After all questions and comments are addressed by anyone wishing to do so, the meeting will be adjourned. Ordinance 24-07 will then be considered for approval during the Board of Supervisors meeting directly after the Public Hearing.

### **II. RULES OF HEARING**

A. The Township Solicitor, Andrew Herrold, stated the Rules of the Procedure for the Hearing.

III. PRESENTATION OF REQUEST

A. Township Manager Kelch gave a brief presentation explaining the Township currently does not require specific screening requirements for solar energy farms coming into the Township. This Ordinance will amend that making it a requirement going forward.

IV. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A. There were no questions from the public.

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A. There were no comments from the public.

VI. QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD

A. There were no questions from the Board.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

A. There were no comments from the Board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

MOTION: R. Ruman

SECOND: G. Margetas

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY