



**SYLVAN TOWNSHIP**

**PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED MORATORIUM ON  
VACATION RENTALS BY OWNER MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 13, 2019**

*(Recorded for Transcription Purposes Only)*

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call:** Chair Booth called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Those Present: Supervisors Greg Bennett, John Wulff, Arlene Schmit, Yvette Adelman-Dullinger Greg Booth and Clerk/Treasurer Faith Broberg. Sign-In Sheet Attached.

**Agenda:** Supervisor Schmit **moved to approve the agenda**, seconded by Supervisor Adelman-Dullinger and the motion carried.

**Purpose of the Hearing** is to take public input on the proposed establishment of a Moratorium on Vacation Rentals by Owner in Sylvan Township.

**Public Notice** – the public notice was posted in the Townships posting places- Casey's General Store, Corner Store, Pillager Junction, Pillager Post Office, Display case outside of the Town Hall and bulletin board inside the Town Hall as well as the Township's website.

**Affidavit of Publication** – notice was published in the Brainerd Dispatch on June 3, 2019.

**Written comments** – none received regarding the moratorium.

At this time Chair Booth read the proposed Moratorium Ordinance 2019-01 that is being considered tonight.

Chair Booth opened the Hearing for Public Testimony and Questions.

Comments received from the residents signed in on the Sign in Sheet:

- Appreciates the fact that the Town Board is taking these steps.
- Here to listen and gather more information.  
How will the Board of Supervisors enforce the Ordinance?
- The Ordinance, if passed, would have to published in the Brainerd Dispatch to go into effect.
- This Ordinance would apply to short term rentals. If a rental is rented out for a month or more it would not be considered a short-term rental.
- How will the people who live in the Cities know about Ordinance 2019-01?
- The Moratorium will allow Sylvan's Planning Commission time to review their current Commercial Ordinance that is already in place and see if a different ordinance just for short-term rentals is needed.

- The Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission are having a joint meeting in July to go over the Commercial Ordinance and either do an amendment to the Township's existing ordinance or come up with a separate ordinance just for the Short-term Rentals.
- The Township's attorney drafted the Moratorium for the Township.
- Who would the residents call if they saw a violation? The Sheriff or someone on the Town Board? The Town Board.
- Would like to see the existing short-term rentals be stopped and not allowed to continue.
- Would allow the existing ones to continue and that the Moratorium would be for new ones.
- The short-term rentals are operating illegally now. Is there a daily fine?

Chair Booth closed the Public Comment Period at this time.

Supervisor Wulff thought that the moratorium would be to stop new ones from starting and then working with the existing rentals to close the loopholes.

Chair Booth thought that the moratorium would be to stop all short-term rentals in the Township to give the Board and Planning Commission time to develop an ordinance or to add an amendment onto the existing ordinance.

Supervisor Bennett looked up the word moratorium and it is a *suspension of activity*. Those operating right now means they are illegal. The ordinance we have right now is not clear.

Supervisor Adelman-Dullinger **moved to accept the draft copy of Ordinance 2019-01 as it is written**, seconded by Supervisor Bennett. Discussion included sending a certified letter to the (2) existing short-term rentals to inform them of the Board's decision. The question was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment** – Supervisor Schmit **moved to adjourn**, seconded by Supervisor Wulff and the motion carried with the meeting adjourning at 6:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

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Faith C. Broberg, Clerk/Treasurer

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Chair, Greg Booth

Supervisor Schmit moved to approve the minutes **as presented**/as amended, seconded by Wulff and the motion carried.

Amendments:

Date: June 20, 2019