

**Valencia Borough Special Meeting to Discuss Zoning
Minutes**
Meeting held 7/31/17, at Valencia Borough Building

Brian gave an overview of the purpose of the zoning meeting.

Shanon gave a more detailed description of what has been done so far.

Brian asked if there were any questions or comments. Several residents asked questions and gave commentary, including:

- Are there any other communities our small size that have implemented zoning ordinances?
- Do you have an estimate as to how much it will cost?
- Do you envision that you will be able to defend your ordinances against an entity that wants to do something else?
- I like to be left alone, and if zoning produced that, I'd be happy.
- I have a limited knowledge of zoning. Agricultural areas eventually become residential because they are bought out. What are we talking about for the borough?
- How much of our borough does St. Barnabas own, and have we fixed the problem of them not paying taxes?
- Where is the money in our budget sitting right now?
- Who is responsible for the planning commission? Are they appointed or elected?
- What if more than 3 people want to be on the planning commission?
- Why can't you deliver more flyers to the people in the community to let them know what's going on?
- I admire you for taking minutes. All minutes should be published and posted on the borough building door and on the website. I've been lied to about milling the street. That's the problem you have to overcome; you are not transparent and can't produce a record.
- I like the signs [that announced this meeting].
- You need to get the community more involved. You only have a small handful of residents here.
- Getting people involved is tough. People don't show up to meetings. There are no young people here.
- You have no right to say that young people aren't interested. Mail things to people. Don't question who shows up to council meetings.

Next steps were talked about for the draft of the zoning ordinance. Shanon asked if residents would want to deliberate the modifications at the public council meeting next month. Some residents asked for a hard copy of the draft. Krystal reminded everyone that the draft was located on the borough's website and could be downloaded. It was decided to table the draft of the zoning ordinance until the next council meeting on August 17, 2017, at 7:30 p.m.