

**HARRIS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Public Hearing
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026**

Board Members in Attendance: Dennis Hameister, Chair
Frank Harden, Vice Chair
Nigel Wilson
Tracey Moriarty
Chris Murrell

Staff in Attendance: Mark Boeckel, Township Manager
Todd Shea, Zoning/Ordinance Enforcement Officer
Debbie Lang, Administrative Secretary- via Zoom

Public in Attendance: Jennifer Pencek, Executive Director, Centre Safe
Elyse Johnson, Spring Creek Watershed Commission
Fred Dailey, II
Bonnie Dailey
Steven Bodner
John Wainwright, Memorial Day Committee

**Public in Attendance
via Zoom:** Nevin Grove, PennTerra Engineering
Maureen Cochran
Kelly Wolgast

1) **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Hameister called the public hearing meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 384 – AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3,
SECTION 3.8, APPLICATION FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL LICENSES:**

At last month's meeting, the Board of Supervisors discussed removing the requirement to provide proof of hotel tax registration from the application for a short-term rental license.

While administering the new regulations, Staff became aware that Centre County does not issue a certificate or other form of proof that a property owner has registered to pay hotel taxes for their property. Additionally, Staff were told that large rental platforms such as AirBNB and VRBO collect and pay local and state taxes on behalf of their users, so the County does not require short-term rental owners to register if they are exclusively utilizing these platforms to rent their properties.

Proposed ordinance No. 384 would remove “Proof of registration for hotel tax” from the application requirements for short-term rental licenses. The Short-Term Rental License Application form would be modified to include a disclaimer notifying applicants that they may need to register for hotel taxes with both the State and the County.

There were no comments from the public on this proposed ordinance.

Vice Chair Harden moved to close the public hearing. Supervisor Wilson seconded the motion. Chair Hameister closed the public hearing at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Boeckel, AICP
Township Secretary