

**HARRIS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Public Hearing
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2026**

Board Members in Attendance: Dennis Hameister, Chair
Frank Harden, Vice Chair
Nigel Wilson
Tracey Moriarty
Chris Murrell – via Zoom – arrived at 8:12 p.m.

Staff in Attendance: Mark Boeckel, Township Manager
Debbie Lang, Administrative Secretary- via Zoom
Tibben Zerby, Township Engineer

Public in Attendance: John Sepp, PennTerra Engineering
Diane Farr
Dottie Yukish, BVC President
Randy Ploog, BVC Board Member
Sue Kellerman, Boalsburg Liberty Bell Representative
Gage Ricker
Van Winter, Boalsburg Fire Chief
Doreen Diehl
Rick Miller

**Public in Attendance
via Zoom:** Danielle & Craig Kaniecki

1) **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 385 – ADOPTING LICENSING AND OPERATIONAL
STANDARDS FOR SOLICITORS/PEDDLERS, TRANSIENT RETAIL BUSINESSES, AND
MOBILE FOOD VENDORS:**

Mr. Boeckel said over the past several months, the Board of Supervisors has discussed potential amendments to the Township's regulations related to solicitors/peddlers and businesses conducting any temporary or transient commercial activity in the Township. Proposed Ordinance No. 385 would amend Chapter 3, entitled "Licenses and Permits", and would create licensing requirements and regulations for solicitors/peddlers, transient retail businesses, and mobile food vendors.

Solicitors and Peddlers would be required to obtain a license from the Township, with the license being valid for a period of 30 days from issuance. Solicitors/peddlers would be required to display their Township-issued license on their outermost garment at all times while soliciting. The ordinance will also establish a do-not-solicit registry, allowing property owners to request to be excluded from peddling and solicitation.

Transient Retail Businesses would be required to obtain an annual or event specific license from the Township, which would need to be displayed during operation. Transient retail businesses would be permitted to operate on a public street in association with a special event that is registered with the Township, or on private properties where specific land uses are established. The ordinance also provides requirements and limitations for Farmer's Markets.

Mobile Food Vendors would need to obtain an annual or event specific license from the Township, which would need to be displayed during operation. Mobile food vendors would be restricted to special events, Commercial and Industrial zoning districts, and in rural zoning districts where specific land uses are established. Mobile Ice Cream Vendors would be permitted to operate on any public street, so long as they only stop when making a sale. This limitation would not apply when a Mobile Ice Cream Vendor is participating in a registered special event.

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 7:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Boeckel, AICP
Township Secretary