

ORDINANCE NO. 24

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION, PROVIDING THE
MANNER OF APPOINTMENT TO SAID
COMMISSION, AND POWER AND DUTIES OF
COMMISSION

The Township of Haycock, by virtue of and in accordance with the provisions of the "Second Class Township Code" and the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code", HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CREATION - A Commission to be known as the Haycock Township Planning Commission is hereby created and established, subject to the right of the Township, at any time by ordinance, to abolish such Commission. Any previously appointed Township Planning Commission is hereby abolished.

SECTION 2. COMMISSION - The Commission shall consist of five (5) members. All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed by the Township for necessary and reasonable expenses. No appointed officers or employees of the Township shall be members thereof and therefor cannot, by reason of membership on the Commission, forfeit the right to exercise the powers, perform the duties or receive the compensations of the Township offices held by them during membership on the Commission, since no such membership is possible by virtue of SECTION 4 hereunder.

SECTION 3. APPOINTMENT, TERM AND VACANCY - All members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Township Supervisors. The term of each of the members of the Commission shall be for four (4) years, or until his successor is appointed and qualified. However, in the first instance, two members of the Commission shall

and be appointed for four years each, one member for one year, one member for two years, one member for three years, and, annually, thereafter, members of said Commission shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. The Chairman of the Commission shall promptly notify the Township Supervisors concerning vacancies in the Commission, and any such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.

SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP - All of the members of the Commission shall be residents of the Township. All of the members shall be "citizen members", that is, shall not be officers or employees of the Township during their term of office on the Commission.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL - Any member of the Commission once qualified and appointed may be removed from office for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office or for other just cause by a majority vote of the Township Supervisors, taken after the member has received fifteen (15) days' advance notice of the Township Supervisors' intent to take such a vote. A hearing shall be held in connection with the vote if the member shall request it in writing.

SECTION 6. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS - The Commission shall elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman and create and fill such other offices as it may determine. Officers shall serve annual terms and may succeed themselves. The Commission shall keep a full record of its business and shall annually make a written report by March 1st of each year of its activities to the Township Supervisors. The Commission shall meet monthly and/or at the call of its Chairman. Regular meetings shall be open to the public.

SECTION 7. POWERS AND DUTIES - The Planning Commission shall, at the request of the Township Supervisors, have the power

and shall be required to:

(a). Prepare a comprehensive plan for the development of the township as set forth in The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and present it for the consideration of the Township Supervisors;

(b). Maintain and keep on file records of its actions. All records and files of the planning commission shall be in the possession of the Township Supervisors.

1. - The Planning Commission, at the request of the Township Supervisors, may:

(a). Make recommendations to the Township Supervisors concerning the adoption or amendment of an official map;

(b). Prepare and present to the Township Supervisors a zoning ordinance, and make recommendations to the Township Supervisors on proposed amendments to it;

(c). Prepare, recommend and administer subdivision and land development, planned residential development regulations;

(d). Prepare and present to the Township Supervisors, a building code and a housing code and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments thereto;

(e). Do such other act or make such studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by this ordinance;

(f). Prepare and present to the Township Supervisors an environmental study;

(g). Submit to the Township Supervisors a recommended capital improvements program;

(h). Promote public interest in, and understanding of, the comprehensive plan and planning;

(i). Make recommendations to the Township Supervisors,

civic and private agencies and individuals as to the effectiveness of the proposals of such agencies and individuals;

(j). Hold public hearings and meetings;

(k). Require from other departments and agencies of the Township, if any, such available information as relates to the work of the Planning Commission;

(l). In the performance of its function, enter upon any land to make examinations and surveys with the consent of the owner.

2. - In the performance of its powers and duties, any act or recommendation of the planning commission which involves engineering consideration, shall be subject to review and comments of the Township Engineer, which shall be incorporated and separately set forth in any report, written act or recommendation of the Planning Commission.

SECTION 8. ASSISTANCE - The Commission may, after obtaining prior approval of the Township Supervisors, accept and utilize any funds, personnel or other assistance made available by the Township, County, the Commonwealth or the Federal Government or any of their agencies, or from private sources. The Township Supervisors may employ administrative and/or technical consultants to assist the Commission in carrying out its responsibilities herein.

SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY AND CONSTITUTIONALITY - The provisions of this ordinance are deemed to be severable and should any court of last resort declare any provision herein to be illegal or unconstitutional, only those provisions shall be considered to be illegal or unconstitutional and shall not affect the validity, constitutionality or legality of the other provisions

of this Ordinance.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 20th day of Feb
A.D., 1973.

HAYCOCK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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