

Code & License Appeals Board
Minutes
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
3:00 pm
Hybrid Hearing
Council Chambers
Minutes

Board Members Attending: D. Reed, J. Kelly, M Cianciosi

Others Attending: M. Mayfield, Esq., L. Kelleher, SGT B. McClure, A. Schreiner, SGT D. Egbert, Reading Eagle

Ms. Mayfield called the hearing to order at 3:04 pm. The Board members and staff present introduced themselves.

Ms. Mayfield asked the Board to appoint a chair for this hearing.

Ms. Reed nominated Mr. Cianciosi for Chair. There were no further nominations.

Ms. Reed moved, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to appoint Mr. Cianciosi as Chair. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Cianciosi asked Ms. Mayfield to run the hearing.

Public Comment

There was no one registered to provide public comment.

Hearing

Ms. Mayfield asked SGT Egbert to highlight the purpose of the ordinance and the seizure process Used by the Police Department.

SGT Egbert stated that the ordinance was drafted to attempt to eliminate the use of illegal dirt bikes and ATVs on City streets. Illegal vehicles are those vehicles that are not registered with PennDOT or the PA DCNR. He explained that officers pursue and seize these vehicles when it is safe to do so. The owner and rider are then notified of the process that can be used to reclaim the vehicle. If the vehicle is not reclaimed, it is eligible for forfeiture and destruction.

Ms. Mayfield stated that the list attached to the agenda has 10 vehicles listed with 3 stricken.

Ms. Schreiner stated that the 3 vehicles that were stricken were reclaimed as the owner could provide proof of ownership, registration, etc. She noted that the Yamaha listed as 2nd on the spreadsheet was reclaimed by the owner yesterday, leaving 6 vehicles eligible for destruction.

Ms. Schreiner explained the 3 databases used to determine the ownership of the vehicles. She Stated that notice of the hearing is mailed 1st class and certified. None of the notices mailed 1st class were returned. She stated that there were no requests to appeal the forfeiture of the 6 vehicles listed.

Mr. Cianciosi stated that 2 vehicles do not have names listed. SGT Egbert stated that those vehicles were found by officers and confiscated.

Mr. Cianciosi questioned if 30-day notice is sufficient given the slowness of the USPS delivery. He suggested an ordinance amendment to make the notification period 45 days. Mr. Kelly and Ms. Reed agreed with the need to extend the notification period to 45 days.

In response to a question, SGT Egbert stated that SGT Fegely makes the arrangements to have the forfeited vehicles destroyed after the forfeiture is approved at the required hearing.

Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Cianciosi, to approve the forfeiture and destruction of the seized vehicles that remain on the list after an additional 30-day period, which will provide additional time for the owner to reclaim the seized vehicle. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Cianciosi, to adjourn the hearing at 3:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk

Incident Number	Make	Model	Color	VIN	Date Seized	Location	NCIC Ran	DCNR Ran	Car Fax Ran
2022-23872	SSR MOTORBIKE	Dirtbike	Blue/White	JN1CV7EKXJM200513	6/5/2022	WWTP GARAGE	1/15/2024	1/15/2024	1/15/2024
2022-038818	YAMAHA	Dirtbike	Blue	JYACJ05CX4A0005103	10/27/2022	WWTP GARAGE	1/15/2024	1/15/2024	1/15/2024
2023-000127	HONDA	Dirtbike		JH2PD1114KK003398	1/1/2023	SALLYPORT			
2023-019233	SSR MOTORSPORT	ORV	BLACK	L6JYGJL39JC102837	5/23/2023	WWTP #1	1/15/2024	1/15/2024	1/15/2024
2023-021013	XMOTORS29	XB98-125	GREEN/WHITE	L98B3H5A0M100701	6/3/2023	WWTP #1	1/15/2024	1/15/2024	1/15/2024
2023-027259		ELECTRIC SCOOTER	BLACK/SILVER		7/14/2023	WWTP #1			
2023-027465	YAMAHA	YFZ-450R	WHITE/BLUE	5Y4AJ69Y6GA103819	7/16/2023				
2023-027465	YAMAHA	YFZ-450R	YELLOW/BLACK	5Y4AJ71Y7GA102650	7/16/2023				
2023-035097	YAMAHA	YFZ-400	BLUE	JYACH03C6XA004890	9/7/2023	WWTP #1	1/15/2024	1/15/2024	1/15/2024
2023-038039	SUZUKI	MOPED	YELLOW	L8YTCKPM58S201001	9/27/2023	WWTP #1	1/16/2024	1/16/2024	1/16/2024

