

TOWNSHIP OF STROUD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
January 28, 2026, at 4:00 P.M.

The Proposed Ordinance Would Amend The Zoning Ordinance To: Add A Definition For “Backyard Chickens” In Chapter 27-202 and amend Chapter 27-508 to permit backyard chickens as an accessory use only on lots in the R-1, R-2 and R-3 Residential Zoning Districts that contain a single-family or two-family dwelling; and establish regulations for backyard chickens, including limits on the number of hens, minimum lot size, setbacks, enclosures, fencing, nuisance control, manure and feed management, and a prohibition on roosters, slaughtering, and any agricultural or commercial poultry use

The Public Hearing of the Stroud Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairwoman & Secretary, Jennifer Shukaitis at 4:00 P.M., Also present were Vice Chairman & Ass't. Treasurer, Edward Cramer; Supervisor/Ass't. Secretary, Susan Lyons Township Manager, Steve Fylstra; Township Solicitor, Todd Weitzmann; and Recording Secretary, Janice Willey.

Ms. Shukaitis read the public notice aloud (see attached). She then stated Mr. Fylstra will enter Exhibits. Mr. Fylstra then entered exhibits, **T-1**, Affidavit of Publication from the Pocono Record, the notice ran 1/7/2026 and 1/14/2026; **T-2**, Letter dated 12/3/2025 to Taylor Wenck, Stroud Township Planning Commission for review and recommendation; **T-3**, Recommendation Letter dated 12/23/2025 from Marv Walton, Stroud Township Planning Administrator; **T-4**, Letter dated 12/3/2025 to Monroe County Planning Commission for review and recommendation; **T-5**, Recommendation letter dated 12/23/2025 from Monroe County Planning Commission; **T-6**, Certification of posting; **T-7**, Letter dated 12/24/2025 to the Monroe County Law Library notifying them of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Cramer made a motion to **enter Township's Exhibits T-1 through T-7**. Ms. Lyons Seconded the Motion. All Voted Aye, Motion Carried 3-0.

Ms. Shukaitis then turned the Hearing over to Mr. Weitzmann for an explanation of procedure. Mr. Weitzmann, he explained the procedure and noted there were people from the public attending the Hearing. Mr. Fylstra handed out copies so they can review the draft ordinance. Kathryn and Barry Munch, and Tom Staskowski participated by explaining their previous experiences. Mr. and Mrs. Munch explained their neighbors had chickens in the past and did not maintain a proper area for them to live and the mess it did to their property and others around them. The Board explained there are now rules and regulations chicken owners will have to follow along with applying for a permit from the Township to have the chickens. Mr. Staskowski stated he is a resident and a member of the Stroud Township Zoning Hearing Board. He stated he has had neighbors with chicken, including roosters and he has sat through hearings in the past regarding illegal chickens. He noted people have very strong opinions regarding allowing chickens or not. Ms. Shukaitis and Mr. Weitzmann read from the proposed ordinance explaining what needs to be followed in order to have chickens.

Mr. Cramer made a motion to **approve Ordinance No. 2026-1 Amend The Zoning Ordinance To: Add A Definition For “Backyard Chickens” In Chapter 27-202 and amend Chapter 27-508 to permit backyard chickens as an accessory use only on lots in the R-1, R-2 and R-3 Residential Zoning Districts that contain a single-family or two-family dwelling; and establish regulations for backyard chickens, including limits on the number of hens, minimum lot size, setbacks, enclosures, fencing, nuisance control, manure and feed management, and a prohibition on roosters, slaughtering, and any agricultural or commercial poultry use.** Ms. Lyons seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business, Mr. Cramer made a motion to **adjourn the hearing at 4:46 P.M.** Ms. Lyons seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Willey
Administrative and Recording Secretary