Members Present: Phil Schneider, Tom Costello, Karl Fisher and Kathy Mai. Staff Present: CeCe Tesky and Yvonne Johnson.

Vice-Chair Mai called the public hearing to order at 3:00 P.M. The purpose of the public hearing was a conditional use request to allow a salvage yard on the following described real estate:

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Property owner: Martin Heavy Duty Towing, LLC.

Tesky read the notice of public hearing which was posted per the requirements of a Class (2) notice. The town clerk and owner were notified by Certified Mail and neighboring property owners within 500’ were notified by First Class Mail. Tesky explained that we have the application which was signed by the township and noted that the committee approved a towing business for this site in 2010.

Vice-Chair Mai asked for anyone in favor of the request. David Martin was present. Martin explained that he has a salvage yard in Hartford. He is involved in a group that makes sure salvage yards are disposing of materials and tires in a safe and legal manner. Martin stated he knows what is expected and hasn’t had any problems with his current business.

Vice-Chair Mai asked for anyone present to speak in opposition. Mildred Gardom was present. Gardom explained that she owns property directly across the road from this location and they plan to build a home in the future. She was here when the towing business was approved and was concerned that it would become a salvage yard. Gardom does not want this use across the road from her property.

Martin explained that he is selling his business in Hartford and would like a salvage license here.

Jack Christman spoke in behalf of the town board and said the board is in favor. Christman said he knows that Martin does good work and he is sincere and will follow the rules and won’t damage the environment. This would be a good addition to the township. Christman indicated that he spoke with some of the neighbors, and they didn’t have any problems with the proposal.
Gardom is concerned about her property values and doesn’t like the idea of it being across the road from her property.

There being no further testimony, Vice-Chair Mai closed the public hearing at 3:10 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting.

ZONING MEETING

The committee reviewed the staff recommendations. Discussion followed regarding the hours of operation, general business operations and screening along the road to the south of the property. Motion by Schneider/Costello to approve the conditional use application for a salvage yard with the amended staff recommendations. Motion carried.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator