

MINUTES OF TITTABAWASSEE TOWNSHIP

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

April 20, 2018 - 9:00 A.M.

**TOWNSHIP OFFICE 145 S. SECOND STREET
FREELAND, MICHIGAN**

1. Regular meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Rick Hayes, Supervisor.
2. Opening - Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Members Present: Tracy Reimus, Tom Metiva, Wayne King, Carl Neuenfeldt, Robert DuCharme, Rick Hayes **Roll Call**

Members Absent: Paul Vasold

Staff: Marc McGill, Brandy Federspiel, Kim Reiss, Allison Riffel **Staff**

Guests: Richard Bermeister, Mary Vasold, Luis Mulford, Michael Brush, Jackie Thayer, Tracy Hescott, Kathleen Vasold, Meghan Maxwell, Joshua Hescott, Art Thayer, Rebecca Stewart, John Martin, Chris Stewart, Kathy Dwan, Warren Vasold, Evelyn Dotson, Dan Dotson, Clarice Vasold, Don Deford, Steven Larson, Beth Larson, Jaye Reisinger, Dan & Natalie Karbowski, Jackie Herring, Angela Amini, Elizabeth Campbell, Judy O'Hanlon, Leif Maxwell, Cynthia Coates, Ed Coates, John Vasold, David Meyers, Christofer Stewart, David Lazarz **Guests**
4. None. **Public Comment**
5. Moved by Neuenfeldt, seconded by King to approve the agenda as presented. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion Carried

- 6A. Public Hearing was opened at 9:03 a.m. to receive comments regarding approval of rescinding amendment Z-18-02 proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Chapters 2, 3, and 9 in regards to Banquet Facility operations (Z-18-05).

David Meyer, 6340 N River – Mr. Meyer's stated a petition was circulated and over 575 signatures were obtained. The deadline to submit the petition is today and depending in the Board's decision the petition will or will not be submitted to Saginaw County Clerk to proceed as a ballot question for the August Primary. Mr. Meyer's thanked the Board for their prompt attention to the matter at hand.

Christofer Stewart, 6475 N River – Mr. Stewart resides directly in front of the property that has requested special use permit for a commercial banquet facility under this zoning ordinance if it passes.

Jackie Herring, 6080 N River- Mrs. Herring expressed to the Board that they should take action today and rescind the ordinance.

Joshua Hescott, 6449 N River – Mr. Hescott stated that this change will affect the entire community not just the residents on River Road and the Board should rescind the ordinance today.

Kathleen Vasold, 10406 Vasold- Mrs. Vasold stated that she believes when the board initially passed this zoning ordinance change their intent and purpose was not for a commercial building to be erected on a property. Mrs Vasold believes that the opinions and welfare of the residents that live in the River Road area that will be affected by this change should be heard.

Luis Mulford, 6648 N River- Mr. Mulford lives across the street from the River Rd property that will be affected by the ordinance change. Mr. Mulford expressed his concern with the increased traffic and noise the commercial wedding barn will bring.

Leif Maxwell, 6465 N River- Mr. Maxwell expressed concern with alcohol being served at the commercial wedding barn and the things that go along with that like loud noise, smoking, and the potential for increased traffic accidents.

David Lazarz, 6227 N River- Mr. Lazarz expressed concern with how this ordinance even was passed and how the community was not aware of it.

Arthur Thayer, 6200 N River- Mr. Thayer provided a letter to the Board in regards to his interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance and how he doesn't understand how the Board could even entertain this issue. He stated he would be interested in joining the Planning Commission should a spot open.

Jaye Reisinger, 7485 N River- Mrs. Reisinger is the owner of Leaman's Green Applebarn and she wished to inquire as to what happens next if the zoning ordinance is rescinded. She wanted to know if the Board would come up with some other sort of language for the possibility of future use of barns for weddings.

Kathy Dwan, 5230 N Thomas- Mrs. Dwan wished to address the Board with a letter from a resident that could not attend the meeting. Resident is Shannon Henige who resides at 7701 Mielke Road. Letter states that the traffic, noise, alcohol, and light pollution would directly affect every resident in the area of the River Road Commercial Banquet Facility. Mrs. Henige believes that allowing this zoning ordinance to pass will open a door that the township as a whole will regret.

Moved by Metiva, seconded by Reimus to close the Public Hearing at 9:18 a.m.

7. **New Business**

A. Moved by Metiva, seconded by Reimus to approve Rescinding Z-18-02

**Approved Rescinding
Z-18-02 proposed**

proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Chapters 2, 3, and 9 in regards to Banquet Facility operations (Z-18-05).

**amendment to the
Zoning Ordinance**

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas – King, Metiva, Reimus, Neuenfeldt, DuCharme, Hayes

Nays - None

Absent – Vasold

Motion Carried

7. None.

Other Business

8. None.

**Extended Public
Comment**

9. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Adjournment

Robert DuCharme, Clerk