

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Tuesday December 8, 2020
MINUTES

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Van Buren Township residents; this Van Buren Township's Board of Zoning Appeals meeting will be conducted virtually as permissible under Public Acts of 2020 Act No. 254 and Declaration of Health Emergency in Wayne County.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the public was given instructions on how to take part in the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm via Zoom by Vice Chairperson Amos Grissett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Haase, Herman, Larocque, Boynton, Kelley, Grissett

Absent Excused: Martin, Sellers

Staff: Power, Dohring

Audience: 0

REVISION OF AGENDA: Haase motioned; Herman seconded to remove the New Business item #2 Election of Officers to the January 2021 meeting.

Director Power clarified that with Donald Boynton being elected to the Township Board of Trustees, Bryon Kelley will assume the role of the Planning Commission Representative for membership and voting purposes.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Herman, Haase, Larocque, Kelley, Grissett

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDED AGENDA: Haase motioned, Herman seconded to accept the amended agenda.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Herman, Haase, Larocque, Kelley, Grissett

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Herman motioned; Haase seconded to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2020 meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Herman, Haase, Larocque, Boynton, Kelley, Grissett, Sellers

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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NEW BUSINESS:

Sellers motioned, Haas seconded to open New Business.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Herman, Haase, Larocque, Kelley, Grissett, Sellers

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2021 Meeting Schedule

Herman motioned to accept the 2021 Meeting Schedule as presented, Sellers seconded.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Herman, Haase, Larocque, Kelley, Grissett, Sellers

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director Power covered a few highpoints of the BZA's roles, listed in the packet provided. He also mentioned that fewer trainings for the members were offered this past year due to the Pandemic, but in 2021 that will improve. Commission inquired whether further training would be different from previous training. Director Power responded that the MAP tries to keep the training up to date and changing based on current trends. Commission asked if training was available for distance learning, Director Power stated that most of them are available online. Commission asked about re-appointments, Director Power stated that was handled thru the Supervisors office. Commission inquired about status of the senior housing project, Director Power responded that the BZA's role for that project has been completed, and currently it has been tabled thru the Planning Commission for review at a future Planning Commission meeting.

Herman motioned to open public hearing, Haase seconded.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Herman, Haase, Larocque, Kelley, Grissett, Sellers

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

No Comments

Haase motioned to close public hearing, Sellers seconded

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Herman, Haase, Larocque, Kelley, Grissett, Sellers

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Absent: None
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Sellers motioned, Haase seconded to adjourn meeting 7:33 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Herman, Haase, Larocque, Kelley, Grissett, Sellers

Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Dohring, Recording Secretary