



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

OCTOBER 28, 2019

COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOM

ZBA meeting called to order by Julie M. at 6:00 pm

Pledge recited

Roll Call: Julie Mathiesen, Chair; Bill Neumann, Sec'y; Cheryl Pytlarz (alternate); John Czystkowski; Joe Lomastro; Fred Duerkop; Greg Clark (alternate). Also present Dan Kline

Quorum satisfied

Approval of Minutes.

- a. April 29, 2019. Minutes unanimously approved by a motion from Joe and a second from John.
- b. September 25, 2019. Minutes unanimously approved by a motion from Cheryl and a second from Bill.

Agenda approved; Bill motioned and Joe supported. No objections.

No public comments

Old Business

Sept. 25 meeting: Julie shared new information from John Oliver regarding his Gogebic County Road Commission application to permit construction on the apparent "Right of Way" on his access road. John was told by the county recorder that there is no County "Right of Way" on his road and that it is a private road. A discussion by the Board with this new information involved consideration of returning John's Appeal application fee since it appears John's appeal was unnecessary. It was noted that the ZBA does not have authority to refund fees. Only the Township Board has this authority. The ZBA did incur expenses for hearing this appeal.

Agenda a. Application Form to request ZBA Hearing: Dan Kline reported that the modified ZBA application form is in current use and is regarded to be very user friendly.

Agenda b. Communications with Township Attorney: discussion of communication from Town Lawyer Tim Dean; regarding rentals and how Municipal Civil Infractions are dealt with. Communication letter is attached to this record. Another point that was made is that the Township is not obligated to enforce local Covenants.

New Business

- a. ZBA membership changes. Having been hired by the Town Board as interim Township Clerk, Julie had to step down as ZBA Chair; therefore the ZBA Secretary conducted the meeting to facilitate the election of a new Chairperson. Entertaining a motion to do so, Fred nominated Cheryl for the position, Chair (John and Bill being ineligible) with a second from Joe. The motioned carried with Cheryl becoming the new Chairperson of the Watersmeet Township Zoning Board Of Appeal. The members decided that no other appointments were needed and elections were closed.

The next meeting, to be determined, will establish the 2020 meeting dates, approve minutes of the October 2019 meeting and address any applications received.

Adjourned at 6:37pm.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Neumann, Sec'y