

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
REGULAR MEETING OF January 26, 2017  
5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan

Call to order by Chair at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Bowen, Benak, Halstead, Hooper, Lake

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Recording Secretary-MacLean; Zoning Administrator-Chris Weinzapfel

Set / Adjust Agenda: Set

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes of June 23, 2016, by Halstead, second by Lake.

All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Scheduled Public Hearing: None

Other Items to be reviewed:

a. Correspondence Received - None

b. ZBA Members

c. Election of 2017 Officers:

Motion for Bowen to continue as Chair by Lake, second by Halstead. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Motion for Halstead to continue as Vice Chair by Bowen, second by Benak. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion for Lake to continue as Secretary by Halstead, second by Bowen. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. Annual Review of ZBA By-laws. Review of changes previously discussed and approved.

Addition to Agenda of Public Comments before the Public Hearing(s) and after the Zoning Administrator report.

Motion by Halstead to adopt the by-laws with changes, second by Benak. All in Favor. Motion carried.

e. Review ZBA Rules of Procedure: 2.1 Selection and 4.1 Regular Meetings remove "or as soon as possible".

Motion by Halstead, second by Benak to accept the changes as discussed to the Rules of Procedure. All in favor.

Motion carried.

f. Resolution #17-01 Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Regular Meeting Dates. Motion by Benak, second by Halstead to adopt Resolution #17-01, Regular Meeting Dates for the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year.

Roll call: Benak-yes, Hooper-yes, Bowen-yes, Halstead-yes, Lake-yes

*Report of Planning Commission Rep, Hooper:* Being discussed at the Planning Commission: Short term rentals and recodification of the Zoning Ordinance. Balanced zoning is good, is necessary. Halstead notes that cases for accessory structures are common at the ZBA.

*Report of Board Rep, Benak:* Renovations to the fire station are underway, looking to buy a section of the rail line behind the station. Rural Fire (RF) has had several townships pull out. They have had consultant evaluations done. RF would like to go with a combination ambulance and fire service. The Board is not interested in doing that. There have been issues with call out times from 911, getting the tones out to the fire and/or ambulance. Just starting on budget.

Instructional booklets coming for the ZBA and PC.

New PA system, video recording.

*Report of Zoning Administrator, Weinzapfel:* Looking forward to working with everyone. No ZBA cases are on the docket right now. There have been a couple violations noted.

ZBA meetings are held on an as needed basis. Applications must be made 30 days ahead to get notices out and packet information to members.

Next meeting, if needed: February 23, 2017

Adjournment at 8:20

Respectfully submitted by  
Recording Secretary  
Lois MacLean