

STARKE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

53 EAST MOUND STREET

KNOX, IN 46534

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MINUTES

February 18th, 2015

Chairperson Troike opened the meeting at 7:00p.m.

I Pledge of Allegiance- led by Chairperson Troike .

II Roll Call- Bob Troike (Chairperson), Nathan Marcum (Vice-Chairperson), EJ Rodgers (Executive Secretary), Roger Chaffins (Member), Denise Thomas (Member), Martin Bedrock (Attorney), Terry Stephenson (Planning Commission Administrator), and Mary Beever (BZA Recording Secretary)

III Appointments-

- ◆ Board discusses appointments
- ◆ Member Chaffins made a motion to retain all current offices. Member Thomas seconded that motion. Motion carried 4-0.

IV Review of the meeting minutes for November 19th, 2014 – Vice-Chairperson Marcum made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Member Chaffins seconded that motion. Motion carried 4-0.

V Old Business-

- ◆ Attorney Bedrock stated that a suit had been filed by the Fords against Bruce Williams (the former Building Commissioner), The Board of Commissioners, and The Board of Zoning Appeals. He went on to say that they are seeking damages incurred based on the permit issued to them. Mr. Bedrock added that he has filed for an enlargement of time on the matter to file an answer. He also, went on to say that the County Attorney Mr. Lucas is looking into the matter as well. He went on to say that he is hoping that Mr. Lucas will assume the responsibility over the matter or that it is handed over to our insurance company, at which time then his involvement in the matter ends.
- ◆ Chairperson Troike asked if there was anything that needed to be acted upon right now.
- ◆ Attorney Bedrock said that there is nothing to act upon right now concerning the law-suit. He went on to say that what needs to be acted upon right now is that the Fords still have not removed the structure on 250 north.
- ◆ Planning Commission Admin. Stephenson added that he doesn't know what action the board wants him to take. He then went on to asked if they want us to pay to remove it.
- ◆ Chairperson Troike added that he has never had to do this before.
- ◆ Attorney Bedrock stated that the board should say that the building commissioner and the attorney should take whatever action necessary to have the hazardous structure removed.
- ◆ Planning Commission Admin. Stephenson asked if there is some kind of notice that needs to be sent.
- ◆ Attorney Bedrock said that he will check into what they need to do.
- ◆ Member Chaffins asked if there needed to be a motion made for them to do that.
- ◆ Attorney Bedrock replied yes.

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- ◆ Member Chaffins made a motion for the Attorney and the Building Commissioner to take the necessary action to get the home removed. Vice-Chairperson Marcum seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

VI New Business-

- ◆ Chairperson Troike asked Planning Commission Admin. Stephenson to give the annual report.
- ◆ Planning Commission Admin. Stephenson read the annual report aloud.
 - The Starke County Board of Zoning Appeals held 7 (seven) regular meetings, with 6 (six) public hearings. Of the public hearings 0 (zero) were denied, 6 (six) were approved with 4 (four) having stipulations.
 - The Starke County Board of Zoning Appeals collected a total of \$1,205.00 (one thousand two hundred five dollars).
- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Marcum made a motion to accept the annual report as read. Member Chaffins seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

VII With no further business to come before the board Vice-Chairperson Marcum made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Chaffins. Motion carried 4-0. The February 18th, 2015 meeting adjourned at 7:09 local time. This meeting was recorded for file in the zoning office. The next meeting of the Starke County Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled for March 18th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. local time, in the Starke County Government Building, located in Knox, IN.