

**TOWN OF BARRE
PLANNING BOARD
FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Wes Miller	Jean Depatie
Kurt Dudley	Kirk Mathes
Jean Peglow	Stephen Harling
Eric Watson	Dr. George McKenna

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Tom Keeler

Others present: Larry Gaylard, Joachim Wietler, Rebecca Wietler, Richard Cox, Tom McCabe, and Robin Nacca

Due to Mr. Keeler being excused, Mr. Miller appointed Dr. George McKenna to fill the board.

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Peglow made a comment and read the open meeting law. Dr. McKenna made a motion to accept the minutes of January 14th. Seconded by Mrs. Peglow and carried (7-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

An application from Joachim Wietler is coming before the board in consideration for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review. Mr. Wietler addressed the board:

- Will be adding to the existing building going 40 feet to the east
- Bought Sears store supplies very quickly taking advantage of the sale and needs a place to store it
- Left side will be to grade
- Half of the trailers there now will be sold in the near future
- The little shed there currently is temporary and will be gone
- Width will be the same as the current building is
- Mr. Wietler lives in town

Board comments:

- Map drawn questioned - should be 79 feet and not 39 feet
- There is a water hook up
- All that is remaining after being sold will go inside once the building is extended
- Could things go around back for now for looks? Yes given time due to the ground conditions now

- Repair on equipment if needed will be done in the building
- There will be no deliveries. No clients
- Will have a compost toilet in the future if needed as there is no septic
- There is no viability for future home
- A Special Use Permit is up for review/inspection yearly
- Building currently has an alarm system with neighbor Mrs. Holier having the code

The application does not need to go to County. A public hearing will be scheduled for March 11th at the next meeting.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Keeler and Mr. Miller went over the possible solar policy and it was thought that it had been distributed. Since it had not been the discussion was tabled. Mr. Keeler had not gotten ahold of a commercial solar company to Mr. Miller's knowledge. Mr. Harling has talked to a Town of Kendall Planning Board member who is involved with solar and they said that:

- Setbacks were increased
- Chemicals are all natural
- After 25 years, they are 80% efficient
- Mechanical panels are not a real benefit
- 90% easily recycle able

More discussion took place:

- Some other things to consider is there should be a breaker outside for shut off due to fire and should talk to the fire company
- Glare is more for pilots than traffic

Mr. Mathes stated that he, Larry Gaylard and Albert Davis went to an open house in Mt. Morris who will be putting in a solar company. The project will consist of one thousand acres on eight different fields. There will be more open houses in the future.

The subdivision topic was also tabled.

IV. COMMUNICATION

ORLEANS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

At the January 24th meeting:

- Western Orleans request for Amendments to Joint Comprehensive Plan for Towns of Ridgeway, Shelby, Yates and the Villages of Lyndonville and Medina was approved.
- Town of Albion's request for Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Map for District Classification of Tax Parcel #84.-1-61.12 from Residential (R-1) to Light Industrial (LI) was approved.
- Town of Albion's request for Amendment to Zoning Map District Classification for Tax Parcel #84.-1-61.12 from Residential (R-1) to Light Industrial (LI) was approved.

- The proposed deficiency plan was adopted.
- The upcoming training sponsored by the County usually in June had several possibilities. Mr. Miller handed out the list and asked what might be of interest
 - Solar energy regulations
 - Special Use Permits
 - Wind energy regulations
 - Enforcement of zoning and other local laws
 - Rural planning
 - Maybe request something along the lines of how to do/handle public hearings and meetings

Mr. Mathes stated that maybe we should do a period review of our Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Miller will send out a link to the State's training website.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Mathes made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the possible upcoming litigation; seconded by Mr. Harling and carried (7-0). Therefore, the board went into executive session at 7:17 pm. The board returned from executive session at 7:49 pm.

VI. ADJORNMENT

Mr. Dudley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm; seconded by Mr. Mathes and carried (7-0).

Lee A. Preston, Clerk