



SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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Zoom Meeting Info

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FIRE CODE BOARD of APPEALS MEETING

6:00pm – January 11th, 2021

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order / Roll Call: **Meeting called to order by Chairperson Miller at 6:00pm.**
PRESENT: A. Miller, J. Verplank, E. Beckman
ABSENT: None
Also PRESENT: Chief Janik
2. Reminder: It is requested that the board silences cell phones and put them away for the duration of the meeting.
3. Approval of Agenda (*additions / deletions*): **(Roll Call Vote)**
Sample Motion: "Move to approve the agenda and to ratify the procedures for public participation and meeting conduct as described in the Notice of Public Meeting via Video Conference."
 - A. **Motion by Beckman, 2nd by Verplank to approve the agenda as presented and to ratify the procedures for public participate and meeting conduct as described in the Notice of Public Meeting via Video Conference.**
YEAS: Beckman, Verplank, Miller
NEAS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion Passes – 3:0
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. **May 14th, 2020 (Roll Call Vote)**
Motion by Verplank, 2nd by Beckman to approve the minutes of the 5/14/2020 meeting as presented. No discussion.
YEAS: Verplank, Beckman, Miller
NEAS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion Passes – 3:0
5. Unfinished Business:
 - A. **None**



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6. New Business:

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (*Roll Call Vote*)

Motion by Verplank, 2nd by Beckman to reappoint Aaron Miller as Chairperson. No discussion.

YEAS: Verplank, Beckman, Miller

NEAS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passes – 3:0

Motion by Verplank, 2nd by Miller to reappoint Eric Beckman as Vice-Chairperson. No discussion.

YEAS: Verplank, Miller, Beckman

NEAS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passes – 3:0

B. Schedule hearing for 3487 66th Street, Tyler & Josi Bowdish Appeal (*Roll Call Vote*)

i. Chair Miller asked the applicant if 2/1/2021 would work.

ii. Aaron Phelps commented about having a meeting to schedule a meeting.

iii. Josi & Tyler Bowdish asked if there was anything else that could be done.

iv. Chief Janik offered to continue to work with Mr. Chad VanHorn to try and reach a resolution as soon we can get questions answered. Unfortunately, we do not have a legal team to compile the presentation and have other more urgent priorities with Covid-19 immunizations and duties.

v. Tyler Bowdish agreed to the 2/1/2021 at 6:00pm.

vi. Motion by Verplank, 2nd by Beckman to schedule the hearing for the 3487 66th Street appeal on February 1st, 2021 at 6:00pm. No discussion.

YEAS: Verplank, Beckman, Miller

NEAS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passes – 3:0

7. Public Comments: (Limit 3 minutes): Use the "raise hand" button in the participants screen in Zoom or enter *9 if you are calling in by phone to raise hand. You will be recognized and unmuted to speak in the order received.:

- A. Rebecca Bruns – reference to the minutes from May from Northshores. Going on record supporting Chief Janik, the Fire District, the board, and the Township Board and the board of appeals in resisting repeated efforts by the developer and owner to force you to consider one home at a time. There is a new foundation being built, in addition to lot 15. It appears one home at a time is being attempted without adequate water supply for fire protection. Wants the fire board of appeals to hold the line in the best interest of public safety.



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B. Cynthia McKean – would like to support the Fire Department, you and all others involved with you have done an honorable job. Hopes the department will have the strength to continue and take the time necessary to do a good job. Whatever is decided on this will make a huge difference down the road and set a precedence. What a great job the department is doing. Don't get pressed into making decisions until you are ready.

8. Board of Appeal Member Comments:

Verplank – None

Beckman – None

Miller - None

9. Adjournment:

Motion by Beckman, 2nd by Verplank to adjourn the meeting at 6:19pm. No discussion.

YEAS: Beckman, Verplank, Miller

NEAS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passes – 3:0

NOTICE

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