

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
VARIANCE MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman, John DeLapa, called the Zoning Board of Appeals Annual Organizational Meeting held at the Bainbridge Township Hall, 7315 Territorial Rd., Watervliet, MI, meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Present: J. DeLapa, N. Weber, P. Zaluckyj

Absent: R. Bjes, G. Zilke, Alternate Chad Yetzke

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Weber/Zaluckyj to approve minutes of January 15, 2020 as submitted.

Voice Vote: Yes—all; No—none.

Motion carried.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

If Schrage loses, he can re-apply as an owner/operator under our new Ordinance. The ZBA must be more diligent in following our Ordinance so we do not create non-conforming parcels.

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary:*
Motion by Weber/Zaluckyj to keep the same officers for the coming year.
Voice Vote: Yes—all; No—none. **Motion carried.**
- *Schrage/Baker Decision:*
Judge Donna Howard declared the variance as an unauthorized use to operate the auto repair facility at Mr. Schrage's property. Schrage must re-apply for a new Special Use application following the guidelines of our amended ordinances.
- *Board Comments:*
 1. The ZBA must become more knowledgeable of our ordinances and abide by the rules. This issue should never have come to the ZBA.
 2. It was suggested that the ZBA could have our attorney present. It is worth the cost.
 3. Have specific limitations listed on his permit and have our Enforcement Officer oversee the operation.
 4. Have Ms. Baker explain what her issues are and perhaps work things out.
- *Last Year in Review:*
Discussion of Patty Hiler-Molter denial. By law, her request was not in compliance with our ordinances. Both parties of property issues should work together and try to solve issues before bringing it to the ZBA.
- *Board Member Comments:*
Zaluckyj will contact Gary Zilke on the day of our meetings to remind him we have a meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion by DeLapa/Zaluckj to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.
- All in favor.

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Weber, Secretary