

## MINUTES

### **Members Present**

Mr. Olthoff, Mr. Washington, Mr. Tripp, Mr. James, Mr. Vickery, Mr. Liehr, Mr. Polk, Mr. Mulcahy, and Ms. Evans

### **Members Absent**

Mr. Tholen, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Einfeldt

### **In Attendance**

- **Board Members**

Mr. Bossert, Mr. Byrne, and Mr. Hess

- **Department Heads**

Delbert Skimerhorn

- **Media**

None

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Vice-Chairman, Mr. Olthoff, at 9:00 a.m. Quorum present.

### **2. Roll Call**

### **3. Public Comment**

None

### **4. Approval of Minutes: February 17, 2016 & April 20, 2016**

The minutes were not ready.

### **5. Building**

- **Building Report - April 2016**

**Mr. Washington made a motion to approve the building report, and Mr. Vickery seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

Mr. Skimerhorn reviewed and discussed the report with the committee.

### **6. Zoning**

- **ZBA Case #16-01; request for a Variance to Section 121-281.c (Accessory Structure in Front Yard) on a parcel generally situated in Section 15 of Aroma Township. The petitioner is Andrew Benson, property owner and applicant.**

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that the property is located at 18 Elmwood Drive in the Oakwood subdivision, just off of Waldron Road in Aroma Township. The home itself is 60-70 years old and was built at the back of the lot. We think it probably started as a garage or workshop and was later converted into a house. The applicant wants to build a 24 x 24 garage just west of the house, towards the northern property line. The Zoning Board vote 5-0 to approve.

**Mr. James made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Vickery seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

### **7. Transportation/Land Use**

- **GLB Rail - Open Discussion with Staff**

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that the committee, as well as himself, have probably been inundated with phone calls and emails about the Great Lakes Bain Railroad recently. He showed the committee a PowerPoint presentation of what we do and do not know. A route has not been chosen yet, as the one shown on the map is just a study route with 30 miles on either side of the line for alternate routes. Just because the line on the map goes through someone's property now doesn't mean the final route would. The GLB is applying to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) for authority to be a rail line. Approval would give them all of the power that a railroad would have. He proceeded to inform the committee of the steps that have to be taken in the entire process.

#### **8. Old Business**

None

#### **9. New Business**

Diane Owens reminded everyone of Annie Syrstad's upcoming farewell party.

#### **10. Adjournment**

**Mr. LaGesse made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m., and Mr. Mulcahy seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

Bill Olthoff, Committee Chairman  
Diane Owens, Executive Coordinator