

The Zoning Board of the Village of Winnebago met by remote meeting via GoToMeeting with Chairman Charles R. Van Sickle presiding and calling the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m. Mr. Eubank stated the Zoning Board was able to continue to meet remotely since all conditions were met to conduct remote meetings according to the Executive Order by Gov. Pritzker allowing remote meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ROLL CALL: BOOKER – EMMERT - EUBANK - KONING – MCDOUGALL - VANSICKLE
– present

Guests present: Attorney Mary J. Gaziano, Kellie Symonds. Mr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AUGUST 23, 2021

MR. EUBANK made the motion to approve the minutes from the Zoning Board Meeting of August 23, 2021, second by MR. KONING. Motion carried on roll call vote.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – There was not conflict of interest noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT—There was no request for Public Comment.

APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES FOR THE WINNEBAGO MINI-STORAGE

Petitioners were not present.

MR. EMMERT requested to reopen the Public Hearing so that the Zoning Board can continue the Public Hearing to another date, second by MR. MCDOUGALL. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

MR. EUBANK stated they were back from Public Hearing.

MR. EMMERT stated that by the Village’s ordinance and State statute the petitioners have the burden of proof to show facts and need to be present to present those facts for the Zoning Board to make findings. By law the Zoning Board need to make findings of facts and if not found any various by review could be overturned. MR. EMMERT asked that the village of attorney to prepare for the Ackerman’s a short and to the point directions of what is needed such as testimonies of their own or others. MR. EMMERT moved that the Public Hearing be continued to the October 25, 2021, second by MR. EUBANK. Discussion as what could be the issue for the Ackerman’s not attending the meeting. MR. BOOKER thought maybe the Ackerman’s thought the applications submitted was sufficient for the meeting. MR. EUBANK has not had a response to text messages sent to the Ackerman’s regarding tonight’s meeting. Attorney Gaziano stated what was sent to the Zoning Board members a packet for the Public Hearing process. Kellie Symonds stated she just received a response from Mr. Ackerman as they were in the Public Meeting waiting for access, which had already been closed. MR. EMMERT restated that finding of fact would be made based on evidence from the hearing.

Teresa Ackerman connected to the remote meeting at 7:25p.m., Jason Ackerman arrived at 7:27 p.m.

MR. EUBANK instructed that everyone needed to disconnect from the Planning & Zoning Board Meeting and connect to the Public Hearing.

MR. EUBANK made a motion to recess to return to the Public Hearing meeting online, which was seconded by MR. BOOKER. The motion carried on unanimous roll call vote. Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

The Zoning Board resumed at 8:02 p.m. following the Public Hearing. MR. EUBANK made the motion to adjourn. Discussion followed giving the village attorney permission to send to the Ackerman's a copy of the email of what needs to be proven. Teresa Ackerman asked for clarification of what was being sent. Attorney Gaziano clarified what was sent to the Zoning Board which is what states the required findings, and the procedure that needs to be followed. Attorney Gaziano also clarified that her advice is to the village, and it is the responsibility of whoever is presenting to know the rules. This information is available in the Unified Development Ordinance. MR. VAN SICKLE added that this information is also in the application. MR. EMMERT seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Charles R. Van Sickle, Chairman
Approved: November 22, 2021

Prepared by:
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