

ISABELLA COUNTY  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

April 17, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Isabella County Zoning Board of Appeals was held on April 17, 2024 at the Commission on Aging Building, 2200 South Lincoln Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Wynes, Phillip Vogel, Tom Riley, Tom Kromer (9:02 a.m.), Brent Duffett

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Ray Johnson, Planner/Zoning Administrator  
Mackenzie Rahl, Administrative Assistant, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Wynes called for an approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Duffett supported by Mr. Vogel to approve the agenda.

Yes: Jim Wynes, Phillip Vogel, Tom Riley, Tom Kromer, Brent Duffett

No: None

Motion carried.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from the January 17, 2024 organizational meeting were circulated to the Board prior to the meeting for their review.

Mr. Wynes called for an approval of the January 17, 2024 organization meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Vogel supported by Mr. Riley to approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wynes called for a vote.

Yes: Jim Wynes, Phillip Vogel, Tom Riley, Tom Kromer, Brent Duffett

Non: None

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – Opened at 9:02 a.m., Closed at 9:02 a.m.

**Variance #24-01 – Jason Auman – Lincoln Township**

Mr. Johnson reviewed his staff report regarding the variance request. He indicated the request is for an 18 x 32 ft barn addition on the south side. He stated that this addition would be no closer to the east property line than the existing structure. Mr. Johnson also indicated that the set back to the north was also being met.

Mr. Johnson stated that the roof pitch will not shed any additional water in the east property line. Mr. Johnson read the support letter of Cathrine House at 6510 Bellinger Dr.

The Chair invited the applicant to speak.

Mr. Auman reiterated his justification for the request.

Mr. Kromer indicated he was initially confused about where the addition was being placed on the barn. Mr. Kromer realized the work was being done affecting east side not the south side.

The Chair opened public comment at 9:07 a.m.

Eric Famutimi stated he was Mr. Auman's neighbor to the North. Also was confused with the letter that was sent to the neighbors. Mr. Famutimi stated he talked to staff previously to understand the request. He stated he is in support of Mr. Auman's addition.

David Mascho stated he was the previous owner of Mr. Auman's property and is in support of the development.

Hearing no other public comment, the Chair closed the public comment period at 9:10 a.m.

The Chair called for Board discussion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair called for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Kromer to approve Variance Number 24-01 (VAR#24-01) as submitted by Jason Auman for a 18x32 addition to his barn. Mr. Kromer indicated that the request was not detrimental the surrounding property and is meeting all the review criteria.

The motion was supported by Mr. Vogel.

Mr. Wynes called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Kromer: Yes  
Mr. Vogel: Yes  
Mr. Riley: Yes  
Mr. Duffett  
Mr. Wynes: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

STAFF COMMENTS – Mr. Johnson indicated if there may be a meeting in May. The meeting in June is canceled with the Juneteenth holiday and the County will be closed.

APPEALS BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS –

Mr. Wynes thanked everyone for having him as the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wynes adjourned the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brent Duffett', is written over a horizontal line.

Brent Duffett, Secretary  
Mackenzie Rahl, Administrative Assistant, Recording Secretary