

**FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY January 10, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

**ROLL CALL:** Daniel Weder Hedwig Kaufman  
Ignazio Cuccia Peggy Barton  
Robert Polk

**Also present:**

Cindy Allor, Recording Secretary  
Joseph Lehmann, Frenchtown Township Building Official  
David L.Lorton  
1 Citizen

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by members and attendees.

**ITEM NO. 1 Appoint Chairman for meeting.**

**MOTION**

Moved By: Peggy Barton Supported By: Daniel Weder MUC

A motion was made to appoint Robert Polk as Chairman for meeting.

**ITEM NO.2 AGENDA APPROVAL**

**MOTION**

Moved By: Peggy Barton Supported By: Daniel Weder MUC

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

**ITEM NO. 3 Election of Officers for the 2018 Year.**

**MOTION**

Moved By: Peggy Barton Supported By: Hedwig Kaufman MUC

A motion was made to elect the current slate of officers to the same positions for the year 2018 and to close the nominations: that being Robert Polk, Chairman, Daniel Weder, Vice Chairman, Ignazio Cuccia, Secretary.

**ITEM NO. 4 APPROVE MINUTES OF December 13, 2017 Meeting:**

**MOTION**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting as presented.

Moved By: Ignazio Cuccia

Supported By: Peggy Barton

MUC

Secretary Ignazio Cuccia read the legal notice published in Monroe Evening News on December 25, 2017. Thirteen (13) property owners were notified for ITEM NO 5 Regarding Parcel# 033 002 00 which is located on North Dixie, Monroe, MI 48162.

**MOTION**

A motion was made to place the notice on file.

Moved By: Ignazio Cuccia

Supported By: Daniel Weder

MUC

**ITEM NO. 5 David Lorton regarding Parcel ID# 033 002 00 which is located on North Dixie Monroe, MI 48162. The Applicant has requested a variance from the required 150 ft. minimum lot width in a C-3 Zoning District specified in Article 21.00 Schedule of Regulations of the Frenchtown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance No. 200.**

Chairman Polk opened the public hearing. Mr. David Lorton presented his case.

ZBA board members questioned depth of the pond and quarry. Members also asked for clarity on the distance from the road right away to property drive. Mr. Lorton and Building Official Joseph Lehmann answered the members' questions. Board members also expressed concern with Mr. Lorton keeping North Dixie Highway free of dust and debris.

**MOTION**

Moved By: Ignazio Cuccia

Supported By: Daniel Weder

MUC

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

The members discussed the case.

**MOTION**

Moved By: Ignazio Cuccia

Supported By: Peggy Barton

MUC

A motion was made to grant the variance for the reason that it meets the requirements of Article 31.

Roll call vote: Hedwig Kaufman-NO, Peggy Barton-YES, Ignazio Cuccia-YES, Robert Polk-YES, Daniel Weder-YES

4-Yes votes 1-No vote

MC

The variance as granted is only valid for the period of 1 year, expiring on January 10, 2019.

**ITEM NO.8 OLD BUSINESS**

**None to report**

**ITEM NO.9 NEW BUSINESS**

The Board welcomed new Board member Hedwig Kaufman to the ZBA.

**ITEM NO. 10 BOARD COMMENTS**

Member Kaufman expressed an interest in having Township attorney Mrs. Bondy speak to ZBA board members to offer zoning updates pertaining specifically to Frenchtown.

**ITEM NO.10 ADJOURMENT**

Motion By: Ignazio Cuccia

Supported By: Peggy Barton

MUC

Meeting adjourned at: 7:39 PM