

**FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY November 9, 2016
7:00 PM**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Jack Lindquist Peggy Barton
 Ignazio Cuccia Daniel Weder
 Robert Polk

Also present:

Cindy Allor/Recording Secretary
Joseph Lehmann, Frenchtown Building Official
10 citizens

ITEM NO. 1 AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION

Moved By: Daniel Weder Supported By: Peggy Barton MUC

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

ITEM NO. 2 MINUTES OF October 12, 2016 MEETING

MOTION

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2016 meeting as presented.

Moved By: Peggy Barton Supported By: Jack Lindquist MUC

Vice-Chairman Daniel Weder read the legal notice published in Monroe Evening News on September 26, 2016. Twenty-five (25) property owners were notified for ITEM NO 3 regarding parcel # 935-055-00 which is located at 3636 Lakeshore Drive Newport, MI 48166.

Vice-Chairman Weder read letter from Metro Signs representing Five Below requesting case be tabled until December 14, 2016 meeting.

Building Official Joseph Lehmann provided clarity on setback for Board members.

MOTION

A motion was made to place notice on file with address correction to 3636 Lakeshore Drive. Also to place on file and grant the request from Metro Detroit Signs representing Five Below to table the matter until the December meeting.

Moved By: Daniel Weder

Supported By: Peggy Barton

MUC

ITEM NO. 3 James and Caryn Lorentz regarding Parcel # 935-055-00 which is located at 3636 Lakeshore Drive Newport, MI 48166.

The Applicant has requested a variance from the requirements of Township Zoning Ordinance Article 21.00 Schedule of Regulations (F-3).

Chairman Robert Polk opened the public hearing.

James Lorentz presented his case.

Board members reviewed submittal documents and asked questions. James Lorentz answered any questions.

Chairman Robert Polk opened the floor for public discussion.

Leo Wolkowiz, neighbor to the Lorentz family spoke in full support of the proposed variance.

MOTION

Moved By: Peggy Barton

Supported By: Daniel Weder

MUC

A motion made to close the public hearing.

The members discussed the case.

MOTION

Moved By: Daniel Weder

Supported By: Jack Lindquist

MUC

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

ITEM NO.4 OLD BUSINESS

Nothing new to report.

ITEM NO.5 NEW BUSINESS

Nothing new to report.

ITEM NO. 6 BOARD COMMENTS

Board members inquired about status of zoning update. Joseph Lehmann stated zoning amendments are on tomorrow's Township Board meeting agenda.

ITEM NO.7 ADJOURMENT

Motion By: Daniel Weder

Supported By: Peggy Barton

MUC

A motion was made to adjourn the November 9, 2016 meeting of the Zoning Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM