

**MINUTES-MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
DECEMBER 7, 2017**

The monthly meeting of the Hope Township Zoning Board of Adjustment convened at 7:31 p.m. at the Hope Township Municipal Building with the following Board Members present: Tom Gabel, Carol Kernoschak, Gil Hankins, Brian Kathenes, Steve Larena, Jan Wargo, and Gary Green. Also present: Board Engineer Ted Rodman, Board Attorney Roger Thomas, and Board Secretary Alfia Schemm.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gabel and he led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that the meeting is being held under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act"; adequate notice of the meeting has been provided to the Township's Official Newspaper.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Kernoschak made the motion to adopt the minutes of November 2, 2017. Motion seconded by Mr. Hankins. Roll call vote in favor: Kernoschak, Hankins, Gabel, and Kathenes. Abstaining: Larena, Wargo, and Green.

New Business:

#17-003 Benny Marino, Block 2700, Lot 4200

Benny and Paula Marino were sworn in. He reviewed that they are building their home and wish to construct a pole barn in the front of their home. He went on to state their concerns over the placement of the barn, behind the home, due to the topography. A neighbor was present and the proposed location of the structure was discussed. Mr. Marino stated that the proposed building will be used for his personal use and equipment. The Board discussed the site conditions and the topography and elevations. Mr. Marino stated that he has had a few head of cattle and the proposed building will not be used for animals. Board Engineer Rodman provided a photograph, which was marked as an Exhibit:

B-1 6 Photographs on 1 Sheet

Mr. Marino provided some photographs that were marked as an Exhibits:

A-1 Photograph

A-2 Photograph

A-3 Photograph

A-4 Photograph

Mr. Marino described the photographs and the proposed building and it was stated that the building would have electricity but no other utilities. He displayed and presented the architectural drawings, which was marked as an Exhibit:

A-5 Floor Plan

Board Engineer Rodman reviewed his report of October 26, 2017.

The hearing was opened to the public.

Rob Caputo stated that they are neighbors and he described the current disturbance in the neighborhood and they are concerned about the view of the proposed building and noise, which was discussed with the Applicant and the Board.

With there being no further public comment, the hearing was closed to the public.

Mr. Larena made the motion to grant the variance approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Green. Roll call vote in favor: Kernoschak, Hankins, Gabel, Larena, Wargo, Green, and Kathenes. .

Vouchers:

Dolan & Dolan-New Cingular 184.50

Dolan & Dolan-Marino 214.50

Mr. Larena made the motion to approve the vouchers. Motion seconded by Mr. Hankins. Roll call vote in favor: Hankins, Gabel, Kernoschak, Wargo, Larena, Green, and Kathenes

Report from Planning Board:

The Board reviewed the status of the application before the Planning Board and procedures.

Adjournment:

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at p.m. Voice vote in favor: Hankins, Gabel, Kernoschak, Wargo, Larena, Green, and Kathenes

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
12/29/17