

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZONING PLANNING & APPEALS COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH ZOOM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Krusinski called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Chairman Krusinski indicated that the special meeting was being conducted in accordance with the recently amended provisions of the Open Meetings Act, the Governor's Disaster Proclamation reissued July 26, 2020 and the Governor's Executive Orders 43 and 48 regarding Phase 4 reopening. He stated that in recognition of Section 12 of the Disaster Proclamation, which provides that meetings attended by more than 50 persons are not feasible and that social distancing is required at all public meetings, an in-person meeting is neither practical nor prudent at this time. Therefore, this meeting is being conducted as a virtual meeting through Zoom video conferencing.

II. ROLL CALL:

Upon a Call of the Roll, the following persons were:

Present: Commissioners Clark, Leonard, Meluso, Pelech, Pickell and Chairman Krusinski

Absent: Commissioner Fantus

Chairman Krusinski indicated that Commissioner Fantus has recused herself from participation in this public hearing.

Chairman Krusinski declared a quorum present.

Also, on the call: Village Attorney, Jim Rhodes of Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Ltd; Village Administrator, Bob Irvin;

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The ZPA Special meeting minutes for August 4, 2020 were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Meluso and seconded by Commissioner Clark that the meeting minutes of the August 4, 2020 be approved and be placed on file.

Upon a Call of the Roll, the following persons voted:

Aye: Commissioners Clark, Leonard, Meluso, Pelech, Pickell and Chairman Krusinski

Nay: None

Chairman Krusinski declared the motion carried and that the meeting minutes be placed on file.

IV. CALL OF CASES:

Chairman Krusinski indicated that for the information of everyone who was attending the virtual meeting, the work of the Zoning, Planning, and Appeals Commission consists of reviewing matters brought before us that affect zoning and planning in the Village. The Commission is a fact-finding body and has no final authority. As a result, the Commission makes no final decisions regarding any matter, but only makes recommendations to the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mettawa based upon the testimony presented.

Chairman Krusinski stated tonight's public hearing will be a continuation for a text amendment to Section 15.1106 H of the Mettawa Zoning Code and a request for a special use permit for a place of public assembly at 14077 W. Old School Road. On August 11, 2020 the applicant presented their application. All of the applicant's application and documents have been posted on the Village website for others to review.

Chairman Krusinski then called the hearing on docket number 20-TA-1 and 20 SU-1 to order.

Upon a Call of the Roll, the following persons were present:

Present: Commissioners Clark, Leonard, Meluso, Pelech, Pickell and Chairman Krusinski

Absent: Commissioner Fantus

Chairman Krusinski declared a quorum present.

Chairman Krusinski stated this is a continuation of Case Numbers 20-TA-1 and 20-SU-1 arise from an application filed by St. Basil Serbian Orthodox Church. The applicant seeks a text amendment to Section 15.1106 H of the zoning code and a special use permit for 14077 W. Old School Road, Mettawa, Illinois for an existing place of public assembly in the R-1 single family residence district.

Village Administrator Irvin confirmed no further objectors have been filed for tonight's meeting. Village Attorney Rhodes indicated Richard Fantus is the only objector. Village Administrator Irvin added we now have 28 people who have signed the petition. Richard Fantus (14253 W Riteway Road) added Mary Maish (14080 W Old School Road) are listed as objectors.

Chairman Krusinski swore in the objectors.

Chairman Krusinski asked if the applicant had any additional comments from the August public hearing. St Basil's Attorney Danielle Grcic replied they had no additional comments and they stand on the testimony presented at the last hearing.

St. Basil's Church representatives include; Father Djuro, Mike Kosanovich the President of the Congregation, Zoran Vranjes the Chairman of Committee, Father Ilija Balac as the Architect, Mark Toberman the Civil Engineer and Danielle Grcic the church's Attorney.

Village Attorney Rhodes indicated the additional green cards received have been added to **Exhibit 3**. In addition, the three PowerPoint presentations from St. Basil's Church have been entered as **Exhibit 4**.

Please reference the court reporters' transcripts for full meeting discussion held between St. Basil's representatives and the ZPA.

Resident, Dr. Richard Fantus (14253 W. Riteway Road) presented his opposition testimony.

Resident, Mary Maish (14080 W. Old School Road) also spoke of her opposition.

Resident, Maria Rojas (14175 W. Old School Road) stated her opposition.

A motion was made to continue the St. Basil's Church public hearing to Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 pm. The motion was made by Commissioner Leonard and seconded by Commissioner Clark.

Upon a Call of the Roll, the following persons were:

Aye: Commissioners Clark, Leonard, Meluso, Pelech, Pickell and Chairman Krusinski

Nay: None

Chairman Krusinski declared the motion carried.

V. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

VI. **REVIEW OF REPORTS OF COMMISSION COMMITTEES:**

VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Commissioner Pickell seconded by Commissioner Pelech that the meeting be adjourned.

With unanimous consent, Chairman Krusinski declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk