

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Vevay Township Hall – 7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Mike Gould, Vice-Chair Roger Wood, Secretary Hannah Watson, Jack Cady and Robert Schnabelrauch

Members Absent: Alternate Gary Howe

Staff Present: Supervisor Jesse Ramey

Others Present: None

Chair Mike Gould called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: No changes.

Review minutes of last regular meeting:

Bob Schnabelrauch noted two wording errors in the draft minutes. First, the last full paragraph of page 2, line 4 should read “interlocking 3-foot deep cement blocks secured by lag *bolts* and straps, . . .” rather than lag “*nuts*.” Similarly, the first line on page 4, should read “It has 3-foot deep interlocking cement block walls, secured by lag *bolts*.” rather than lag *nuts and belts*.

MOTION by Roger Wood, seconded by Jack Cady, to approve the August 3, 2015, regular session minutes as corrected.

**Vote: Ayes: 5
Nays: 0**

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment (on matters not on the agenda): None.

Pending Business – Work session on ZBA By-Laws (continued discussion from the June 16, 2015, meeting). Working drafts provided with agenda.

1. Conflict of Interest

The Board discussed each section of the draft Conflict of Interest section. A few wording changes/additions/deletions were made.

Roger Wood suggested that section A *or* sections A and B1 contained the gist of the entire subject and may be all that is necessary. However, in the interest of more clarity and sufficient specificity, the Board decided to retain the other sections.

The Board considered a statement in section "C" that the member with a possible conflict could seek the Board's guidance. The Board decided to omit it because it could place the Board, and therefore the Township, in jeopardy upon judicial review.

Bob Schnabelrauch objected to the language in item D2 that states that a member with a conflict cannot make a presentation on the conflict issue to the Board. The denial of the right to speak as any other citizen violates the member's constitutional rights. However, allowing the member to make a presentation could cause the appearance of bias because the public may view a fellow board member as holding more sway with the Board than other citizens. All Board members understood Bob's position, but believed the sentence should remain.

MOTION by Hannah Watson, seconded by Jack Cady, to adopt the Conflict of Interest by-law as amended, subject to review by the township attorney.

Vote: Ayes: 4
Nays: 1 (Bob Schnabelrauch)

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Basis of Determination Checklist

MOTION by Hannah Watson, seconded by Mike Gould, to adopt the one-page Basis of Determination Checklist as provided in the materials with the agenda, subject to review by the township attorney.

Vote: Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

NOTE: The Township will provide the adopted by-laws to the township attorney for review.

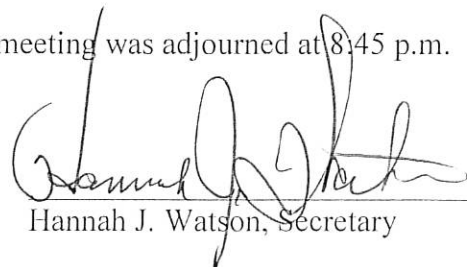
Further Public Comment/Other Business:

At the request of Mike Gould, Jesse Ramey provided the information on when each ZBA Board Member's term ends, as follows:

Roger Wood & Hannah Watson	December 2015
Jack Cady	May 2016
Mike Gould	December 2016
Robert Schnabelrauch	December 2017
Gary Howe	March 2018

Adjournment:

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


Hannah J. Watson, Secretary