

## TOWN OF AMITY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
February 11, 2016

Present: Wendy Skinner, Doug Serra, John Clouse; Town board liason Barb Zlomek  
Members excused: John Maynard; members absent: Paula Van Dyke, alternate Lois Reynolds

The meeting was called to order by Wendy Skinner at 7:00PM.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

W. Skinner led the pledge of allegiance.

### **Secretary's report**

Motion to waive approval of the secretary's report due absence of board secretary by J. Clouse; seconded by Doug Serra; vote: 3-0; motion carried.

### **Report from Town Liason**

B. Zlomek shared information about the right to farm law, and provided samples of the law used in other counties. Also provided was an update on the water district developments, and grant opportunities to do water line upgrades. B. Zlomek reported that the county tax maps office would assist with tax parcels along the SR 19 N corridor, as well as do mailings if a meeting is desired among these landowners.

### **Business Directory**

W. Skinner presented the format of the new business directory; about two-thirds of the information has been turned in, and half of it is updated and in the directory. W. Skinner asked planning board members to submitted their notes/contact information for the business directory so the project could be completed as soon as possible.

### **New Business**

Land use and Zoning for the town of Amity was discussed. Town Supervisor Dana Ross would like the planning board to consider a land use law as opposed to a zoning law. W. Skinner handed out the sample of the land use law of a rural town that D. Ross provided. The board members will read the first ten pages, making notes/comments, and reconvene on 2-26-16 for a work session to review notes.

Village of Belmont Zoning Aboard of Appeals board member Vince Evans will be a guest at the 2-26-16 meeting to share his expertise on zoning law and provide suggestions on how to approach the planning/development of the SR 19 N corridor.

**Next regular meeting** was scheduled for 3-17-16 at 7PM.

**Meeting adjourned** – motion to adjourn by D. Serra; seconded by J. Clouse; motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy J. Skinner

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### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2016

Present: Wendy Skinner, John Clouse; Paula Van Dyke; Town board liason Barb Zlomek  
Members excused: John Maynard; members absent: Doug Serra, alternate Lois Reynolds

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by W. Skinner, who led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **Secretary's report**

Motion to approve secretary's report with corrections by J. Clouse; seconded by W. Skinner; vote: 3-0; motion carried.

#### **Report from Town Liason**

B. Zlomek shared that the town board approved signing the water transportation corporation for the Friendship/Belvidere area as requested by the IDA. Discussion as to what the agreement entailed; the planning board would like a copy of this agreement.

The town board liked the format of the business directory as presented, and are eager to see the completed version.

Town Supervisor Dana Ross would like the planning board to concentrate planning and development efforts on the SR 19 corridor, leaning toward land usage rather than zoning.

#### **Business Directory**

W. Skinner asked planning board members to submit their remaining notes/contact information for the business directory so the project could be completed as soon as possible.

#### **New Business**

W. Skinner noted training options available through webinars; board members are required to have four hours of training per year, unless there are rollovers from the previous year.

Planning land use and zoning for the town of Amity was discussed, with focus on SR 19 N corridor; since we are starting at "ground zero," it was unanimously agreed by those present to have Village of Belmont Zoning Aboard of Appeals board member Vince Evans share his expertise on zoning law and provide suggestions on how to approach the planning and developing there in accordance with the goals of the Town of Amity Comprehensive Plan. We will try to locate tax parcel maps of landowners in that area, as well as right-to-farm laws.

**Next regular meeting** was scheduled for 2-11-16 at 7PM.

**Meeting adjourned** – motion to adjourn by J Clouse; seconded by P. Van Dyke; motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy J. Skinner