

VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2024

The Village Zoning Board of Appeals met at the Village Hall, 5 Factory Street, Freeville, NY, on Monday, March 4, 2024.

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Michael Whalen.

Present:

Chairman Michael Whalen, Member Kristen Olson, and Member Marcus Griffith.

Approval of Minutes:

Member Griffith motioned to approve the Minutes from the Board's most recent meeting (held on January 8, 2024), seconded by Member Olson. All Members present voted Aye.

Privilege of the Floor and Discussions:

No members of the public were present.

Chairman Whalen noted that ZBA members are up to date in meeting training goals, with some members having carry-over balances for the coming year.

Chairman Whalen noted that he and Deborah Rude had been in discussions with Darby Kiley of the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability concerning the possibility of NYS Department of State training involving municipalities in Tompkins County. Chairman Whalen will keep the ZBA apprised of any sessions that may be planned. Member Griffith observed that variance training emphasizing flood-hazard zones would be beneficial given the pending federal and state redefinition and expansion of flood-hazard areas in the Village.

Chairman Whalen led a discussion about the advisability of moving the ZBA's meeting calendar from a bi-monthly to a quarterly basis. Chairman Whalen reported that Member Anu Rangarajan had previously indicated her concurrence with this change. If this change is made, the next meeting would be the one already scheduled in July, with meetings to follow in October, January, and April. The meeting day and time slot would remain Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Deborah Rude would need to identify specific dates that did not conflict with major holidays and scheduled Dryden School District closings.

Chairman Whalen entertained a motion to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the ZBA's calendar be changed from bi-monthly to quarterly, based on the above discussion. Member Griffith made the motion, which was seconded by Member Olson. All Members present voted aye.

Chairman Whalen entertained a motion to close the meeting, which was made by Member Griffith and seconded by Member Olson. All Members present voted Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

The next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be scheduled based on the Board of Trustees' pending action on the meeting schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Whalen
Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals