

ISABELLA COUNTY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
September 17, 2008

Room 225
Isabella County Building

A regular meeting of the Isabella County Zoning Board of Appeals was held September 17, 2008 in room 225 of the Isabella County Building, 200 North Main Street, Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Wynes, Gordon Gilchrist, Howard Shively, Kelly Bean.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig Schripsema

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Mike Zalewski, Planner/Zoning Administrator
Brandy Freed, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 9:03 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Bean stated that the minutes indicated that he voted on page 7, but he was not at the meeting so it needs changed to show that he did not vote.

The minutes of the August 20, 2008 meeting were approved as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None heard.

VARIANCE REQUEST #08-13

Mr. Zalewski stated that Rolland Township is requesting a variance to construct a 46.5 square foot sign on the newly constructed Millbrook-Rolland Fire Hall. The maximum square footage of a sign in the Medium Density Residential District (R-2) in which the property is located is 12 square foot. The property is located at 8323 S. West Isabella County Line Road in Section 18 of Rolland Township. Rolland Township recently received Planning Commission approval for the construction of the Millbrook Rolland Township Fire Hall located at 8323 S. West Isabella County Line Road in the Village of Blanchard. The property is zoned R-2 and a Fire Hall is permitted as a public and institutional use in that district. The building is 64' x 100' building. The Township would like to place a sign (Millbrook-Rolland Fire Rescue Logo) on the building to properly identify the building. However, in the R-2 District the maximum size of a sign is 12

square foot. The Township is requesting the variance as they would like the sign on the building and a 12 square foot sign would hardly be noticeable on a building that size. Staff would agree and believes that it is important for public safety that the sign be large enough to properly identify the building as the fire rescue hall. Since they are limited to the 12 square foot, the only option was to apply for the variance.

The meeting was open for public comment at 9:08 a.m.

Mr. Zalewski read a letter submitted by Mr. Dan Shaw, Rolland Township Supervisor (see attached).

The public comments were closed at 9:09 a.m.

Mr. Gilchrist stated that the sign would not be detrimental to any adjacent property.

A motion was made by Mr. Shively, supported by Mr. Gilchrist to approve Variance Request #08-13 as submitted.

Yes: Gilchrist, Shively, Wynes, Bean.

No: None.

Variance approved

STAFF COMMENTS

None Heard.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Gilchrist asked if there were any training session that the board could attend.

Mr. Zalewski explained that there were not, but when something is available the board members would be contacted.

Mr. Shively stated that he was going to the MAP Conference in October.

Mr. Bean asked about the pig farm in Blanchard.

Discussion was held on the right to farm act.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Shively, supported by Mr. Gilchrist to adjourn at 9:27 a.m.

Yes: Bean, Gilchrist, Wynes, Shively.

No: None.

Motion carried.

Craig Schripsema, Secretary

Brandy Freed, Recording Secretary