

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, PUBLIC HEARING & TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town Hall – 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Warren Luedke, Jack Hanke, Glen Kruschke, Roger Rortvedt, Gary Vanderkin, Atty. Hughes, Debra Schwind, John Mersberger, John Capelle, Jeff Rhude, Dave Karsten, Todd Vanderkin and the Public.

The November 1, 2022, Board of Adjustment, Public Hearing & Town Board Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and was called to order by Chairman Luedke.

The Board of Adjustment Hearing was called to order by Chair, John Mersberger.

The clerk read the notice. Consider a Variance request from Tom and Debbie Werner to reduce the front setback from 75 feet to 60 feet in order for them to build a ranch home with walkout basement plus a 4,000-5,000 square foot storage area and potentially a 2-car garage, the property is located on Sandstone Lane, being Parcel # 59016217473. Tom and Debbie Werner were present to answer questions. A neighbor was concerned about being able to see the storage unit. The Werner's explained that there is a berm that will block most of it. The entry to the storage would be accessed off Sandstone Lane and come from the other lot that the Werner's own. A motion was made by Dave Karsten and seconded by Jeff Rhude to approve the variance as presented. **Motion Carried 4-0**

Board of Adjustments adjourned 7:20 pm

The Public Hearing and Town Board was called to order by Chair, Warren Luedke

A motion was made by Roger Rortvedt and seconded by Glen Kruschke to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting. **Motion Carried 4-0**

No one present from the Sheriff's Department

Fire Chief Ryan Pafford – Truck maintenance is completed; no major issues were found on any of the trucks. During Fire Prevention week over 500 students were educated. The Chili Cook off was successful, \$900 was raised to benefit Project Angel Hugs.

Gerber Lake Property on Green Tree Road – This was tabled from the October 4, 2022 meeting. Fire Chief Pafford met with 2 DNR agents separately. After a walk around the property, Tanner Klein, wildlife biologist, found very little woody or decaying vegetable matter. He also noted that the prairie is in good health but does recommend that the next prescribed burn be done later in the season to help the native species grow back. Nathan Siglinsky, Forestry Specialist, ran a report through the BeHavePlus program to predict the potential flame length in case of a fire. In the worst-case scenario was 40 mph winds at 2% moisture you could see 63-foot flames from the edge of the prairie to the property with a westerly wind. He noted that there was 75 feet between the edge of the prairie to Mr. Niemi's barn. This is a good defensible space. Brian Niemi asked to be along for the assessments, but Chief Pafford felt it was better to have the DNR agents with no interference. Neither Sheboygan County nor Mr. Niemi were on the walk through. Brian is still concerned with the flames and embers still reaching his building. Brian Niemi read an email from Attorney Kautzer. Brian also stated he feels the County is breaking two Town ordinances. Article XV Public Nuisances .01 Public Nuisances 3. (c) Breeding Place for Vermin, etc and 3. (f) Noxious Weeds. He mills lumber in his barn and stores raw lumber in the barn. Aaron Brault stated that the budget passed and burning the prairie is in the budget for a prescribed burn. Gary Vanderkin stated that the County passed the budget, so the problem is taken care of for this year. The Town Board does not feel there are noxious weeds on the property. We live in the country and this is what happens. The Town Board feels that the County is in compliance with zoning for prairie land. No action was taken.

November 17, 2022 at 12:30 pm was set for the Budget Hearing.

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Reminders – General Election – November 8, 2022 and Board of Review – November 9, 2022 at 4pm

Chairman Luedke gave an update on the roads - Woodside should be done end of the week. Willow Road bridge should be completed by November 19th. Warren Luedke and Glen Kruschke walked the Elkhart Moraine property looking at the dead trees. There are not as many as first thought.

Atty. Hughes had nothing to report this month.

Public comment – TDS is laying cable. We have not been approached yet. The Town is waiting to see if there is federal or state money for fiber optics.

A motion was made by Gary Vanderkin and seconded by Roger Rortvedt to approve and pay the bills. **Motion Carried 4-0**

A motion was made by Glen Kruschke and seconded by Jack Hanke to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried 4-0**

Meeting ended at 8:08 pm

Debra Schwind, Clerk/Treas.
Town of Plymouth

APPROVED