

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZONING BOARD** held on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, in the Public Meeting Room in the Village Hall, One Olde Half Day Road, Lincolnshire, IL

PRESENT: Chairman Manion, Members Rubinstein, Pratt, Soifer, and Leider

ABSENT: Alternate Kalina and Trustee Liaison McDonough

ALSO PRESENT: Stephen Robles, Planner

CALL TO ORDER: **Chairman Manion** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.0 ROLL CALL

The roll was called by the secretary and **Chairman Manion** declared a quorum to be present.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Zoning Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

Mr. Pratt moved and **Mr. Rubinstein** seconded a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Chairman Manion recessed the Zoning Board meeting and opened the Public Hearing, which was properly noticed in the June 25, 2009, issue of the *Lincolnshire Review*.

3.1 **Public Hearing** to consider enacting a four month moratorium from zoning amendments or the granting of special use permits for the erection of any wind energy or solar energy device so that the Village may consider amendments to the Lincolnshire Village Code to provide for rules governing the location and erection of alternative energy generation devices(Village of Lincolnshire)

Stephen Robles, Planner, summarized Staff's memorandum dated July 10, 2009, and noted that Staff believes the Village should take a proactive approach in considering where and under what circumstances such alternative energy systems can be acceptable within the Village, especially since energy conservation and alternative energy sources continue to increase with public interest. As people become more conscious about renewable energy systems, many communities are often unprepared to handle these types of requests since pre-existing zoning codes do not envision such facilities. While the Village Code provides basic standards for solar energy systems, the Code does not address any wind energy facilities and is silent on instituting any standards or controls. **Planner Robles** stated that, upon the recommendation from the Village Attorney, the Village Board recently approved a four-month temporary moratorium on the issuance of building permits for the erection and operation of alternative energy generation devices. Thus, the Zoning Board should also consider a similar moratorium on the

application process for zoning amendments or special use permits for the erection and operation of such devices. A draft ordinance, included within Staff's presentation packet, would place a four-month temporary moratorium on zoning amendments or special use permits requested for the operation of a wind or solar energy collection devices. Regardless of the outcome, Staff believes that research on wind and solar energy systems should be conducted to determine how the Code should ultimately be amended for such facilities. The passing of a temporary moratorium would afford Staff the time to conduct research to determine if the Village's Code should be amended without the concern that a request could be submitted to circumvent any Code amendments.

Chairman Manion inquired if there were currently any petitions before the Village Board regarding these alternative energy systems, to which **Planner Robles** stated that there was nothing formal at this time. However, he noted that Stevenson High School has expressed their interest in potentially installing a wind turbine on the school grounds. **Mr. Soifer** noted that he has no problem with placing a temporary moratorium on the installation of these energy facilities, especially wind turbines which create aesthetic and noise issues. **Mr. Rubinstein** noted his satisfaction with a temporary moratorium at this time, to which **Mr. Pratt** and **Mr. Leider** concurred.

There being no public in attendance for comment, **Chairman Manion** closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Zoning Board meeting.

- 3.2 Consideration and discussion regarding enacting a four month moratorium from zoning amendments or the granting of special use permits for the erection of any wind energy or solar energy device so that the Village may consider amendments to the Lincolnshire Village Code to provide for rules governing the location and erection of alternative energy generation devices(Village of Lincolnshire)

Having made findings based on facts covered in a Public Hearing held on July 14, 2009, the Zoning Board recommends approval to the Village Board of a four (4) month moratorium from zoning amendments or the granting of planned unit developments or the granting of special use permits for the erection of any wind energy or solar energy device so that the Village may consider amendments to the Lincolnshire Village Code to provide for rules governing the location and erection of alternative energy generation devices, as detailed in a Draft Ordinance prepared by the Village Attorney, based on the facts and as presented in Staff's memorandum dated July 10, 2009.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rubinstein inquired with regard to the site work in the "downtown" area. **Planner Robles** explained that all the site engineering work, such as tree removal, shore line restoration along Indian Creek, and environmental mitigation of the

former gas station site, is being done in order to provide a “shovel ready” site for future development and construction of buildings when the occasion arises.

6.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Mr. Pratt** moved and **Mr. Rubinstein** seconded a motion to adjourn, **Chairman Manion** adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jones, Secretary