

TOWNSHIP OF FREMONT
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA
MAYVILLE, MICHIGAN 48744
Planning Commission Meeting

January 9, 2024

Board Present: Brandon Blatt, Tyler Ireland, Greg Eggert, Dwight Uhl, Kyle Thom and RoseAnn Laskowski.

Board Absent: Kim Vaughan

Guest Present: Amy Prill (recording secretary)

Eggert introduced Dwight Uhl as the newest Planning Commission member.

Eggert wanted to thank Ken Bragg for his years of service on the Planning Commission. Bragg has served on the Planning Commission for over 15 years and also was the Chairperson for the Zoning Board of Appeals for the last several years.

Minutes:

Motion made by Thom, seconded by Blatt to approve the October 10, 2023, minutes as presented – motion carried.

Elect Officials:

Nomination made by Thom, seconded by Ireland to elect Eggert as the Chairman – nomination carried.

Nomination made by Thom, seconded by Eggert to elect Ireland as the Vice Chairman – nomination carried. Nomination made by Eggert, seconded by Thom to have A. Prill continue as the Secretary – nomination carried.

Meeting Schedule for 2024:

Meeting schedule for 2024 are April 9th, July 9th, October 8th and January 7, 2025.

Public Comments:

None

Old Business:

Eggert gave the Board a list of the discussed changes to the Zoning Ordinance. He also stated that Matt Blatt (Twp. Supervisor) and Jerry White (Zoning Administrator) would like the Planning Commission to be more specific on the requirements for having a shipping container. It was discussed that they should be a solid color. Someone commented that they have seen one that had trees painted on it so that it blended in with the landscape. The Board discussed allowing approved artwork but it was decided not to allow this because we cannot determine the quality of the artwork and just because a certain picture is approved it does not guarantee that the finished product will look like the picture. The Board decided that the shipping container should be a solid color that is compatible with nearby buildings, landscape and surroundings. Laskowski asked if the shipping containers that are currently in the township will be grandfathered in and Thom said no because they are currently not allowed and the Township Board has instructed the Zoning Administrator to cite the properties that currently have shipping containers. It was stated that if shipping containers are approved the Zoning Administrator could work with the property owners to bring their shipping containers up to code and then if the property owner does not make the required changes they would be cited. It was also discussed that there will be only two allowed per property and are not allowed to be stacked. They need to be installed on a 3½” thick base that can be a

concrete pad or 1x3, 21AA crushed aggregate, oversized stone or millings. The base needs to extend 12” past the shipping container on all sides. Ireland asked about the lifespan of the shipping containers and Laskowski and Uhl both commented that if the shipping container falls into disrepair it would fall under our blight ordinance.

New Business:

Eggert discussed when we would like to setup the public hearing so that we can get the changes processed as soon as possible. Prill said that she would get with the Township Attorney to get the wording correct and to get the notice that needs to be placed in the newspaper. It was decided that once we get the information back from the Attorney, Prill will email the Board members and we will be able to setup the date for the public hearing.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Amy L. Prill, Secretary