

**MEDINA TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
ORGANIZATIONAL/PUBLIC HEARING  
February 21, 2024**

Acting Chairperson Cary Blakemore called the organizational/ meeting of the Medina Township Board of Zoning Board of Appeals to order at 7:02 p.m. Permanent members Blakemore, Greene, Payne, and Gray were in attendance. Alternate member Ostmann sat in for a full board. Permanent member Morel was not in attendance. Alternate member Traynor was not in attendance.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The minutes for the December 20, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

**Election of Officers**

Secretary Farnsworth called for nominations for Chairperson of the Board of Zoning Appeals for 2024.

Mr. Ostmann nominated Mr. Blakemore as Chairperson of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the calendar year 2024. It was second by Mr. Greene. The nominations were closed.  
ROLL CALL- Ostmann-yes, Greene-yes, Payne-yes, Gray-yes, Blakemore-yes.

Secretary Farnsworth turned the meeting over to Chairperson Blakemore to call for nominations for Vice Chairperson of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the calendar year 2024.

Mr. Payne made a motion to nominate Bill Ostmann as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the calendar year 2024. It was second by Ms. Gray. The nominations were closed.  
ROLL CALL-Payne-yes, Gray-yes, Greene-yes, Ostmann-yes, Blakemore-yes.

**Set hearing dates/Confirm hearing posting**

The Commission stated they would continue to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Posting of the meeting would be placed on the Town Hall marquee, website and The Gazette accordingly.

The organizational meeting was closed at 7:06 p.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Alliss Strogan stated additional training for the 6hr continuing education credits has started again. Board members should go to 1 or 2 classes. The next class is March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. She continued that even though the information is basic it is doesn't hurt to go. The other workshop dates are May 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 19<sup>th</sup>, and October 24<sup>th</sup>. Chairperson Strogan stated that he went to a conference 2 weeks ago and two major things stood out. The first one was that realtors, businessmen, and developers are trying to get rid of township zoning due to townships not allowing high density zoning. The second thing is the new marijuana law. Since there are no rules for the new law Congress is coming up with a bill. There is 120 medical marijuana in the


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state and those can automatically become medical and recreational stores. If a store opens in a Township, they have 120 days to contest it. The only way a store would not be able to open would be if Trustees (not zoning) vote to not allow them in the Township. They are also looking into how many marijuana plants a household can have.

Having no other business before the Board the hearing was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Farnsworth  
Zoning Secretary

  
Bill Ostmann, Vice Chairman

  
Chair