

**CITY OF KNOX BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
101 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
KNOX, INDIANA 46534  
574-772-5445**

**Meeting Minutes: February 27, 2023**

Members Present: Mike Skinner, Jim Jenkins, Shannon Hoekman

Staff Present: Lonnie Boley, Kenny Pfost

Staff Not Present: N/A

The February 27, 2023, Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Mike Skinner. Roll Call was preformed. Vice President Jenkins made a motion to approve the December 19, 2022 minutes, and member Hoekman seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

**Re-Organization:**

Vice President Jenkins made motion to postpone, President Skinner stated we could not.

President – Member Hoekman nominated Mike Skinner for President. Skinner expressed reservation but accepted the nomination. Vice President Jenkins seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Carried 3-0

Vice President – President Skinner nominated Jim Jenkins for Vice President. Vice President Jenkins accepted the nomination. Member Hoekman seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Carried 3-0

Secretary – Vice President Jenkins nominated Shannon Hoekman for Secretary. Hoekman accepted the nomination. President Skinner seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Carried 3-0

Public Hearing: Russ Blais, Variance Request – President Skinner opened the Public Hearing at 6:13pm, and her read the Legal Notice. Russ Blais was present to request a sign be erected larger than is allowed

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on a property that is currently zoned R-1 Residential, commonly known as 401 S. Main Street, Knox, Indiana. The property is owned by Starke County Historical Society, Inc. The front yard sign will identify the residence of Governor Schricker. The sign will match the style of the three other signs that identify historical locations in the City. Other community members in attendance spoke in support of the sign. Another community member expressed support via email. President Skinner closed the hearing at 6:20pm. Vice President Jenkins made motion to approve the variance. Secretary Hoekman seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

Hearing: Tim Howard, Variance Request – President Skinner opened the Public Hearing at 6:20pm, and he read the Legal Notice. Tim Howard property owner requested a variance that would allow the lot commonly known as 1149 South Roosevelt Road, Knox, Indiana to have a less than required side yard setback on the property that is currently zoned as R-1 Residential. The requirement is 80ft the lot would be 75.2ft. The property owner at 1101 Roosevelt was present and expressed concerns. President Skinner closed the hearing at 6:33. Vice President Jenkins made motion to approve the variance, Secretary Hoekman seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

Public Hearing: Aaron Anderson, Variance Request – President Skinner opened the public hearing at 6:41pm, and read the Legal Notice. Aaron Anderson property owner requested a variance that would allow a steel shipping container to be used as an accessory building on the property currently zoned A - Agriculture. Property commonly known as 1595 North 600 East Knox, Indiana. Mr. Anderson stated the container will be placed far from other properties and would be painted to match other structures on his property. None opposed. President Skinner closed the hearing at 6:43pm. Vice President Jenkins made a motion to approve the variance. Secretary Hoekman seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

Other Business: No other business discussed

Adjournment: President Skinner made a motion to adjourn. Vice President Jenkins seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

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Shannon Hoekman

Secretary