

# **ALBION BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**November 18, 2015 – Albion Municipal Building**

**ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Upon determining a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. (Note: the meeting time was scheduled for 6 p.m., however, the public hearing notice was inadvertently set at 7:30 p.m. Member Mark Hunter was in attendance at 6 p.m. but had to leave before the 7:30 p.m. was resumed. Members present for the public hearing were Scott Cole, Tim Kiebel and David Bremer. Member Dave Dunn was called out on an outage with REMC and unable to attend. Also present were Beth Shellman and Sandy Petrie.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was recited by all present.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** A motion was made and seconded (Bremer, Kiebel) to approve the April 15, 2015 minutes. Motion carried by a 3-0 voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Variance 2015-01 Noble County Public Library, requesting a Variance from Section 4, Authorized Uses, Albion Zoning Ordinance, to allow an existing sign at 813 E Main Street to be replaced with a digital LED sign, real estate located Section 18, Albion Township; common location 813 E Main Street.

Chairman Cole opened the hearing at 7:56 p.m. All interested parties were notified as required by law. None were in attendance and no written correspondence was received by the office prior to the meeting. Sandy presented a proposed diagram and rendition of the sign the library hopes to purchase. Her board has authorized the sign replacement and she would like to complete the project this year. The sign will be wireless and will be located in the same general footprint as the existing sign. The library agrees to the same conditions imposed on the school regarding lighting, keeping the sign stationary and addressing complaints from neighbors.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Cole closed the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. Members adopted Findings of Fact (on file) in support of the application.

A motion was made and seconded (Bremer, Kiebel) to approve the Variance with the following conditions: Library agrees sign will be dimmed and remain static (stationary) from 10 p.m. until sunrise each day and at times when school is not in session (weekdays/weekends/summer) during the time frame beginning one (1) hour prior to school starting and one (1) hour after school ends. Library will address any complaints concerning sign brightness and/or scrolling content which leads to driving distraction.

Motion carried by a 3-0 by voice vote. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Scott Cole, Chairman

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Dave Bremer, Secretary