

**PORTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING HELD AT
PORTER TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
69373 BALDWIN PRAIRIE ROAD, UNION, MICHIGAN 49130
VARIANCE REQUEST FROM
EDWARD AND JUDITH VARHAMME
PARCEL #14-120-209-033-00APPLICATION #16-9651
JULY 21, 2016**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon White with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Jon White, Jamie Thompson, Steve Northrup, Tom Robbins, Present
Alternates: Diane Konneck, Robert McDonald Present
ABSENT: Hank Yeomans

Diane Konneck was seated on the board.

MOTION: Made by Steve Northrup supported by Jamie Thompson to approve the agenda with addition of by-laws.

Voice vote: unanimous

MOTION: Made by Jamie Thompson supported by Steve Northrup to approve the minutes of April 28, 2016.

Voice vote: unanimous

Edward and Judith Varhamme shared their plans to build a new house and remove the kitchen from their historic cottage on Baldwin Lake. (Removing the kitchen from the cottage will make it a Guest Quarters.) with the board and public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters submitted in application from:

Micheal Thompson 69951 Hilltop Road, Union, Michigan 49130.

V. Rev. Bernard Sciannaa, O.S.A, Ph.D. 5401 South Cornell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 66615.
They had no objections to their request.

MOTION: Made by Jamie Thompson supported by Steve Northrup to close the public hearing.

Voice voice: unanimous

ZONING BOARD of APPEALS DELIBERATES AND DISCUSSES:

Discussion that this request falls under practical difficulties. Cottage was historic.

MOTION: Made by Jamie Thompson supported by Steve Northrup under 111.1602(b) to approve the request.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Diane Konneck- Yes, Steve Northrup-Yes, Tom Robbins-Yes, Jamie Thompson-Yes, Jon White-Yes.

OTHER MATTERS:

By-Laws and Check List: Steve will take to Township Board to be approved and Check List copy be submitted to the building department.

Voice vote: unanimous

Planning Commission Report: Had a meeting in May for the Shavehead Lake Island Zoning. Kept it as "AG"

MOTION: Made by Steve Northrup supported by Jamie Thompson to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

Voice vote: unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Thompson
Secretary