

**PORTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING HELD AT
PORTER TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
69373 BALDWIN PRAIRIE ROAD, UNION, MICHIGAN 49130
VARIANCE REQUESTS FROM
BRIAN AND CAROL ARBOGAST
PARCEL #14-120-216-033-13 APPLICATION #15-9575
JOHN AND KAREN BALSCH
PARCEL #14-120-400-001-06 APPLICATION #16-9596
MARCH 10, 2016**

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

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

MOTION: Made by Jamie Thompson supported by Tom Robbins to approve the agenda.
Voice vote: unanimous

Member Steve Northrup stepped off the board for Arbogast's request since he was absent for the February 4th meeting.
Alternates: Diane Konneck and Robert McDonald were seated on the board.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Andrew Horne attorney for John and Eileen Healy located at 70944 Baldwin Landing Drive, Union, Michigan 49130. Stated that we should deny the request under Zoning Sections 111.1602 and 111.1603.

CORRESPONDENCE:

These are letters outside the February 4, 2016 Meeting.

In opposition to the request:

Glenda Bonta 13734 Wayne Street, Union, Michigan 49130

Paul and Mary Gerwels 70938 Baldwin Landing Drive, Union, Michigan 49130

John C Lang 70896 Baldwin Landing Drive, Union, Michigan 49130

E-mails in opposition to the request:

Brian Mulhern

Terry Landis

Andrew Horne

ZONING BOARD of APPEALS DELIBERATES AND DISCUSSES:

MOTION: Made by Jamie Thompson supported by Tom Robbins to deny Arbogast's variance request under 111.1603.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Diane Konneck-Yes, Tom Robbins-Yes, Robert McDonald-No, Jamie Thompson- Yes, Hank Yeomans-No

Chairman Hank Yeomans opened the public hearing with the Procedures and Rules. Main points of the variance request were discussed.

Justin Hurterant (Fireside Builders) shared his plans for a new house located 69144 North Terrace Drive, White Pigeon, Michigan 49099, (John and Karen Balsch) with the board and public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

None received

CORRESPONDENCE:

None received

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

Voice vote: unanimous

ZONING BOARD of APPEALS DELIBERATES AND DISCUSSES:

The board felt it was the builder's responsibility to know all zoning laws prior to building. It was also felt the township ordinance was clear that the lot should adhere to 30 foot combined setback with minimum of 10 foot required for 100 foot lots.

MOTION: Made by Diane Konneck supported by Jamie Thompson under 111.1603 to deny the request.

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

OTHER MATTERS:

Jamie Thompson asked to send a letter addressed to the Planning Commission be sent to the Township Board for review.

Voice vote: unanimous

Motion: Made by Diane Konneck supported by Jamie Thompson to approve the minutes for the meetings of February 18, 2016

Voice vote: unanimous

Planning Commission Report: None given

MOTION: Made by Jamie Thompson supported by Steve Northrup to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.
Voice vote: unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Thompson
Secretary