

**TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING  
November 15, 2021**

**PRESENT**

Board members present: Bob Grundhoefer, Matt Taylor, and Lynn Winkler

**ABSENT**

Board Members absent: Breck Vinson and Eric Snow

Also present: Kevin Patmore, Town Attorney  
Todd Hayes, Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector  
Members of Public

Matt Taylor, the Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm on Monday, November 15, 2021 at the Santa Claus Town Hall. This meeting was a public meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2021 were read. Bob Grundhoefer made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted. The motion was seconded by Matt Taylor and the motion carried 3 to 0. The final minutes were signed by all board members present and left on the table for the clerk treasurer.

**OLD BUSINESS** : None

**NEW BUSINESS** : SANTA CLAUS AMERICAN LEGION POST 242 REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR ELECTRONIC SIGN TO BE HUNG ON FRONT OF BUILDING.

Concerning regulations of Town of Santa Claus Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance: Commercial Property: paragraph 11.04.060 (7) "General Requirements for all Signs & Advertising Devices".

This is a public meeting.

Russ Winkler is representing the Legion post in their request for a variance to place an 6'6" wide by 4'8" electronic sign on the front of their building. The Comprehensive Plan requires that their only be one sign per side of a building, that it must be on the street side, and that it the top of the sign be no more than 20' above grade. It was noted that the front of this building is not on the street side and could not be seen if on that side. It was also noted that if the sign were lower, it would block windows. And it was noted that this side of the building is very large. Russ distributed pictures.

Jeff Stillman, a member of the Advisory Plan Commission, stated that the APC agreed that this Variance would not violate the Comprehensive Plan and they had no objections to the hanging of this sign.

The public meeting was closed.

Kevin Patmore reiterated the 3 standards that must be met before granting a Variance of Zoning Ordinances and/or Developmental Standards:

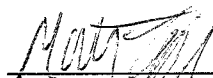
1. The approval of the variance will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals or general welfare of the community.
2. The use and value of the property in the immediate area to the property on which the variance is requested will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner.

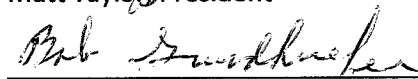
3. The strict application to the terms of the Zoning Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship in the use of the property.

Bob Grundhoefer made a motion to allow the variance and Matt Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 to 0.

There was no other business. Bob Grundhoefer made a motion to adjourn, Lynn Winkler seconded the motion, and motion carried by a note of 3 to 0. Matt Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Winkler, Secretary

  
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Matt Taylor, President

  
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Bob Grundhoefer, Vice President

  
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Lynn Winkler, Secretary

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Eric Snow, Member

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Breck Vinson, Member