

MINUTES
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
October 15, 2018

The meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake was called to order on October 15, 2018 by Chairman Al Buescher, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 5860 Andrews Road.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bittner-absent
Mr. Buescher
Mr. Sweeney
Mr. May
Mr. Baranski

Also present – Mayor Eva, Vice President of Council-Jim Lunder who filled in for Mr. Bittner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 19, 2018
September 17, 2018

A **MOTION** by Mr. Sweeney and a second by Mr. May to approve the minutes from February 19, 2018

ROLL CALL: Mr. Lunder-abstain
Mr. Buescher
Mr. Sweeney
Mr. May
Mr. Baranski

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

A **MOTION** by Mr. Baranski and a second by Mr. May to approve the minutes from September 17, 2018

ROLL CALL: Mr. Lunder-abstain
Mr. Buescher
Mr. Sweeney
Mr. May
Mr. Baranski

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Mr. Lunder shared that Council has put a letter together to the voters about the levies that will be coming out for a vote on November 6, 2018. They went out to the absentee ballots and will then go out to the rest of the residents in a few weeks. Council is trying to renew them now, but they actually don't become effective until 2020. Nothing has changed on them, they are the same; it won't cost anything different from what is being paid now. Mr. Baranski asked what the Levies are for. Mr. Lunder shared that they are for Police, Fire and the roads. These are the levies from the Charter review that was passed four years ago. Mr. Lunder mentioned that we need the money to continue on.

Mayor Eva mentioned that the Pinehurst project is complete. They used sod rather than grass seed, because it was so late in the year when they finished. Pinehurst is one way just two hours a day. It is from 8:00-9:00 am in the morning and 2:30-3:30 pm in the afternoon. The reason that they are going out now is so that if they don't happen pass, there will be two other opportunities to pass next year. There will be one in May and then next November. These won't take effect until 2020. The millage is 3.8 for all three. The Police, Fire Department, staffing, training, equipment and roads. The roads only give us about \$150,000.00, which allows us to do a little work here and there. The last couple years we have been able to go in with Mentor, which gives us a better discount because of the quantity. This allows us to do more.

There will be a rep from CCA at the next Council Meeting which is on October 23rd to answer any questions that anyone may have. The CCA has been involved with an audit. There have been letters sent out and residents have not been responding to them. They are now on third notice and the letters are getting a little harsher. The City has received many calls in reference to the letter. It has nothing to do with the City. It is directly from CCA. They handle the taxes for the City. It is similar to Rita who does tax work for Mentor. They are just auditing to make sure that if you lived in Mentor on the Lake that you are paying at least the 2%.

Mr. Buescher mentioned that there was a problem several years ago with the difference between Mentor and Mentor on the Lake. Not all the revenue was coming to Mentor on the Lake. The Mayor mentioned that it holds true not only for taxes but license fees as well. People need to be sure when registering that they use Mentor on the Lake. The Mayor thinks that is what is happening currently. When people are filing their taxes they are using Mentor and not Mentor on the Lake, which is where they live. It is still a current issue, and will continue to be one for a while. The problem is that it is the same zip code, and we are too small of a community to have our own. The Mayor mentioned that he spoke with Hollie Bartone and the City has recovered about \$25,000.00 dollars from this particular situation. Mr. Buescher asked if the City has sent out any publication in reference to this situation. The Mayor mentioned that it has been done a few times. The Mayor stated that was what the audit was really all about. Mr. Sweeney

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Mr. Sweeney asked how often CCA does an audit. The Mayor mentioned not very often. They are currently auditing 2010-2015 records. The CCA is asking for residents to present their W-2 to prove their residency. Residents are getting upset over this. Mr. Lunder mentioned that the phones were ringing off the hook at City Hall. The letter specifically said for residents not to call the City and to contact CCA. Residents even called dispatch. This was a random letter to people. If they had just done what was asked of them, they would not have had to send the third notice out. The Mayor talked with CCA and since they didn't have a response from the first two letters, they estimated what the amount of taxes would have been for the time period of 2010-2015 and that was the amount they said they owed. They just wanted proof. It was a simple request and all they needed to do was respond with what was requested.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Buescher asked where they were at on The Residential draft and changes. The Mayor mentioned that there is a Public Hearing before the next Council meeting for the Business and then they will get to the Residential.

NEW BUSINESS: Rules Changes - The current method of approving minutes are not in accordance with the current charter and they need to be changed. It reads that if there are no requests or business to conduct the Secretary will email the previous minutes to the board after two weeks. A verbal yes by a unanimous count will then allow the Chair to sign and approve the minutes. This section needs to be deleted. We would go back to the original way to approve the minutes, which would be to approve the minutes at the next scheduled meeting.

A **MOTION** by Mr. May and a second by Mr. Baranski to delete the previously approved procedure of emailing approvals, which is inconsistent with our charter

ROLL CALL: Mr. Lunder
Mr. Buescher
Mr. Sweeney
Mr. May
Mr. Baranski

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

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A MOTION by Mr. Buescher and a second by Mr. Baranski to adjourn

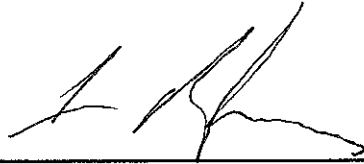
ROLL CALL: Mr. Lunder
Mr. Buescher
Mr. Sweeney
Mr. May
Mr. Baranski

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

APPROVED

12/4/18

Date



Chairman

ATTEST



Board of Zoning Appeals Clerk