



**Board of Appeals on Zoning
Proposed Minutes**

Wednesday September 6, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
1315 S. Washington Ave.
Council Chamber – Room 205
989-754-8222

I. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Nash at 6:00 p.m.

II. **Roll Call** – Cassi Zimmerman took roll.

Members Present: George Copeland, Jamie Forbes, Bruce Gale, Jack Nash

Members Absent: Dennis Browning

Staff: Bob Gollin, Cassi Zimmerman, Amy Lusk, City Attorney

III. **Approval of Minutes** – Wednesday, June 7, 2023.

Motion by Board Member Forbes, seconded by Board Member Gale to approve the meeting minutes for the June 7, 2023, meeting. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

IV. **Approval of Agenda** – Wednesday September 6, 2023

Motion by Board Member Forbes, seconded by Board Member Gale to approve the meeting agenda for September 6, 2023, meeting. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

V. **New Business**

a. Case #J23-0198 Public Hearing on The Height Exception Variance Request on Proposed Water Tower – 702 Webber and 605 Cambry

Vice Chair Nash opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone here to speak on the application. Staff Gollin introduced the project and explained the need for the variance. Mike Grenier, Director of Water and Wastewater, presented the need for the water tower. Currently, the City of Saginaw has no elevated water storage to maintain system pressure without power. In the case of a power outage, water plant staff have 2 to 5 minutes to start the emergency backup generators to avoid loss of pressure which would require the City to issue a boil-water notice. The proposed water tower will significantly decrease the risk of this public health and safety concern.

Vice Chair Nash called for additional comments, no further comments were given.

Motion by Board Member Forbes, seconded by Board Member Gale to close the public hearing. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Motion by Board Member Forbes, seconded by Board Member Copeland to approve the variance request on the height exception for the proposed water tower at 702 Webber and 605 Cambry.

Board Member Forbes commented on the attention to detail and neighborhood concerns that were taken into consideration for the design of the tower, perimeter fencing and placement. Board Member Gale asked if the water is circulated within the tower. Staff Grenier stated that it is required to circulate at least 30% of water daily. Commissioner Forbes asked for clarification on why the chosen location was selected. Staff Grenier stated the location was chosen for its proximity to the treatment plant and transmission lines. He stated that the elevation is outside of the flood zone unlike other options that are closer to the Saginaw River.

Ayes: Copeland, Forbes, Gale, and Nash

Nays: None

Absent: Browning

Motion approved.

Board Members in favor stated the project is in harmony with the appropriate and orderly development of the surrounding neighborhood and received no objections from residents.

VI. Public Comment – None

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Board Member Gale, seconded by Board Member Forbes to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 pm. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Prepared and submitted by

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