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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2026

Vice-Chairman Silvia called the meeting to order at 6:30. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Technical issue with sound (echoing and feedback) were corrected.

Roll was called. Members in Attendance were: Vice-Chair John Silvia, Mr. Roger Hamel, Ms. Trisha McCarthy, and Mrs. Barbara White. Mr. Silvia named Barbara White as a voting member for the meeting. Trisha McCarthy was sitting at the Admin table for the meeting.

January 7th, 2026, meeting Minutes

Minutes of the January 7th, 2026, had been conditionally accepted pending revisions at the February 4th meeting. With submitted changes before the board, Mr. Hamel motioned to accept the minutes, Mr. Silvia seconded the motion. A vote to ratify the corrections to the January 7th meeting was called. The vote to ratify the January 7th, 2026, was unanimous and the minutes accepted.

February 4th, 2026, meeting Minutes

Mr. Hamel provided edits to the minutes to improve clarity and reduce potential confusion regarding terms describing items within the agenda. Mr. Hamel motioned to accept the meeting minutes after corrections were applied; Mrs. White seconded the motion. A vote to accept the meeting minutes was called and the February 4th meeting minutes were accepted unanimously.

March 18, 2026, meeting Minutes

Mr. Hamel provided edits to the minutes to improve clarity. Mr. Kiechle asked questions about votes and corrections within the minutes concerning votes and results. Mr. Silvia motioned to accept the meeting March 18th minutes after corrections were applied; Mr. Hamel seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to accept the minutes was accepted unanimously.

April 1, 2026, meeting Minutes

Additional comments regarding the escrow list and the need to reduce table talk and review and correct the notes regarding escrow discussions on the 10 outstanding accounts.

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Mr. Hamel motioned to delay acceptance of the April 1st meeting minutes until the June 3rd Zoning Board meeting; Mr. Silvia seconded the motion. A vote was taken to delay the acceptance of the April 1st meeting minutes was unanimous and the motion passed.

Escrow Discussion

Discussion regarding confusion about the April 1st meetings' discussion of the escrow accounts. Accounts with negative balances will be invoiced for the outstanding balances before beginning to close the accounts. Missing data for account #361 - Father and Son needs to be corrected.

Mr. Hamel made a motion to invoice accounts 364, 367, 369, and 375 with negative balances and moved to close them after reimbursement. Mr. Hamel asked Mr. Kiechle if the search for records to rectify accounts had been completed. Mr. Kiechle responded that all sources he was aware of have been reviewed and logged. Mr. Silvia motioned to close out accounts 365, 372, 373, and 374; and have the Administrative Assistant report back on amounts. A vote was called and the motion to invoice accounts 364, 367, 369, 375 with negative balances and move to close them after reimbursement was accepted unanimously.

Rules Edits 2026

Board votes unanimously to delay edits to the 2026 Zoning Board Rules until June 3rd meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Hamel suggested to Mr. Kiechle to register for both sections (Zoning and Planning) Training held the weekend of May 9, 2026. Once complete Mr. Kiechle will be able to use the provided links as training for Zoning and Planning Boards.

Mr. Silvia adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm.

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