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**CITY OF FRASER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
DECEMBER 7TH, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M
AS APPROVED JANUARY 18, 2023**

Call Meeting to Order

A regular meeting of the City of Fraser Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm. In City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farina at 7:00 p.m.

At this time Chairman Farina welcomed State Senator Veronica Klinefelt to the meeting and thanked her for joining the City of Fraser Zoning Board of Appeals for this special occasion. He also welcomed Mayor Michael Lesich, City Council Member Patrice Schornak, City Council Member Sherry Stein, Planning Commission Chair Kathy Czarnecki, Planning Commission Member John Keil, Attorney Clark Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stimac.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Farina led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Burley, Chimenti, Farina, Goodell, Menendez

ABSENT:

OTHERS: City Attorney Alyssa Ericson, City Planner Lauren Sayre, City Clerk Greenia

Approval of Agenda – December 7, 2023

Motion by Farina, supported by Burley, to approve the agenda as amended with the removal of Item XI. (a) Discussion of Driveway Expansion.

AYES: Burley, Chimenti, Farina, Goodell, Menendez

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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Approval of Minutes – November 2, 2023

Motion by Menendez, supported by Burley, to approve the minutes of the City of Fraser Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting for November 2, 2023 as amended.

AYES: Burley, Chimenti, Farina, Goodell, Menendez

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Presentation of the “State of Michigan Special Tribute” to Mark Stimac, as Presented by the Honorable State Senator Veronica Klinefelt.

Chairman Farina introduced State Senator Veronica Klinefelt from District 11 and noted her many years of service for Macomb County Communities, Boards and Commissions.

State Senator Veronica Klinefelt stood with Mark and noted how Mr. Stimac went to Lawrence Tech and has a degree in Architectures which is particularly important for the roles he had served in Fraser and that he was also the Building and Zoning Director in Troy. The experience that Mr. Stimac has brought to the table for Fraser has been immeasurable and she is very appreciative for that. Senator Klinefelt went on to Congratulate Mark on his 42 years of Marriage to his wife Debbie and then thanked him for his many years of Service for the City of Fraser and presented Mark with the “State of Michigan Special Tribute” in honor of that service.

Mr. Stimac noted he did not want to make a long speech but wanted to say Thank You for the support and for the trust in him by appointing him and reappointing him numerous times to the Zoning Board of Appeals as well as other Boards and Commissions that he served on for Fraser. Mr. Stimac thanked his wife for putting up with the numerous meetings on the calendar over the years and he appreciated the time he spent here. He went on to say, it was a great time, he enjoyed it and hopefully served the Citizens of Fraser well in that time. Thank you all very much.

Chairman Farina commented that Mark had been a Mentor to him through this time. Chairman Farina stated that when he started on this board, people from other Cities would come in to watch how Mark ran a meetings and his depth of knowledge and his ability to recall every case and his filing system, is second to none. Mark, Thank you for all that you have done, I know you were a mentor to me and fellow board members all the way through. It’s been a wonderful journey and I thank you for the ride.

At this time Chairman Farina invited everyone to celebrate Mr. Stimac after the meeting at the John F. Kennedy Knights of Columbus Hall on Kelly Road. He then thanked Board Member Menendez for all of her efforts to make this celebration and recognition happen for Mr. Stimac.

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Formal Statement by Chair

Since there were no Public Hearing, Chairman Farina did not read the formal statement into the record.

Public Hearing

There was no public hearing at this time.

Old Business (Postponed Cases)

a. Set Public Hearing Date for ZBA Case # 23-05 31471 Utica Road

Motion by Menendez, supported by Burley, to set the Public Hearing Date for

ZBA Case # 23-05 31471 Utica Road during the next City of Fraser Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting to be held in January, 2024.

AYES: Chimenti, Farina, Goodell, Menendez

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

New Business of the Board

a. Adopt 2024 Meeting Calendar

Motion by Menendez, supported by Chimenti, to adopt the 2024 Regular meeting calendar for the City of Fraser Zoning Board of Appeals as follows:

January 18, 2024	February 1, 2024	March 7, 2024
April 4, 2024	May 2, 2024	June 6, 2024
July 18, 2024	August 1, 2024	September 5, 2024
October 3, 2024	November 7, 2024	December 5, 2024

AYES: Burley, Chimenti, Farina, Goodell, Menendez

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Unfinished Business of the Board

Nothing at this time.

Monthly Report

a. November 2023 Monthly Report

b. Action Items Update

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Planning Commission Liaison

Public to be Heard

Clark Andrews, one of the City Attorneys, spoke regarding Mr. Stimac. He indicated that he had the Honor of working with Mr. Stimac going back 30 years and he remembered what a great Chairman, Board member and Commission member that he was. He shared that he had been a City Attorney for 49 ½ years and Mark is one of the very, very best that Mr. Clark has had the opportunity to serve with. Mark was knowledgeable, he treated the Public with a lot of respect and the City of Fraser was very, very fortunate to have someone contribute to the community for as long as he has done so and he just wanted to let everyone know what a great job he did.

Mayor Michael Lesich, 15201 Fairview spoke regarding Mr. Stimac. He shared that he had served with him a little over a year and when he applied and interviewed for the position on the Zoning Board of Appeals, he felt that Mr. Stimac set a gold standard for meetings and decorum and the way meetings are run and people are treated. He added that he had learned a lot from Mr. Stimac before and while he served on the Zoning Board and wanted to thank him for his service and it was appreciated.

Board Member Menendez thanked the Honorable Senator Klinefelt and her staff Noah and Nora who were so helpful in getting the Special Tribute done and she couldn't sing their praises enough and greatly appreciated it because Mark was so deserving of this Special Tribute that Senator Klinefelt presented this evening.

Adjournment

Motion by Menendez, supported by Burley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

AYES: Burley, Farina, Lesich, Menendez

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Cindi Greenia, Clerk