

**TOWN OF HOWARD PLANNING BOARD
FEBRUARY 20, 2018 at 7:00 P.M**

Planning Board members present: Chairman Gary Rice, James Fodge, Andrea Barry, Jack Bossard, Paul Harrington and Alternate Jason Holevinski. Absent was Wesley Coots. Also present was Clerk Loreen Karr.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Rice at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed by the Planning Board. A motion was made by Jack Bossard and seconded by Paul Harrington to approve the minutes of the January meeting as printed. Carried: Bossard, aye; Harrington, aye; Fodge, aye; Barry, aye; Rice, aye; Holevinski, aye.

Chairman Gary Rice reported that Clerk Loreen Karr received a letter of resignation from Planning Board member Ronald Dyer due to his current work schedule. The Planning Board signed a card of thanks to him.

Alternate Jason Holevinski was asked to fill Ronald Dyer's position on the Planning Board and accepted. A motion was made by Paul Harrington and seconded by Jack Bossard to recommend to the Town Board that Jason Holevinski be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ronald Dyer through 12/31/2019. Carried: Harrington, aye; Bossard, aye; Barry, aye; Rice, aye; Fodge, aye.

Chairman Rice reviewed the local law establishing a Planning Board, advising that at least one of the members of the Board should be in agricultural/farming. The board will be looking for an agricultural person as an alternate.

The Planning Board discussed the variance on the building permit for the Howard Volunteer Fire Department. The structure proposed would be 10 feet from the property line of Deb Travis, rather than the 15 feet required. Deb Travis has provided a signed statement to the Planning Board agreeing to the fire department's building addition being less than 15 feet from her property line and expressing no objection to this.

A **RESOLUTION** (#2-2018) was made upon motion of James Fodge and seconded by Jack Bossard to grant this variance on a building permit to the Howard Volunteer Fire Department based on the findings that there is no other viable space to construct this addition and the statement from neighboring boundary line property owner Deb Travis agreeing to the fire department's building addition being less than 15 feet from her property line and having no objection to this. This variance does not present a safety issue as there are no other obstructions on this boundary. Carried: Fodge, aye; Bossard, aye; Rice, aye; Harrington, aye; Barry, aye; Holevinski, aye.

The Planning Board discussed setbacks for mining and excavation sites. They looked at a precedent with 500 feet setback from public roads and boundaries. The Planning Board discussed the need to talk with Dolomite and the NYS DEC to acquire more information about setbacks and safety issues. The Planning Board agreed that Chairman Gary Rice will contact Dolomite to see if one of their mining representatives can attend the next meeting on March 21, 2018 to answer their questions with regard to setbacks and safety issues.

Chairman Gary Rice, Jack Bossard, Jason Holevinski, Paul Harrington and Andrea Barry will attend the Planning School session presented by the NYS Department of State and sponsored by Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Hornell Community Arts Center. They will receive credit 4 hours credit for this session. Clerk Loreen Karr will call in their reservations.

Information and application forms for the Annual Regional Leadership Conference to be held on April 5, 2018 at Corning Community College were distributed. Registration needs to be in by March 23, 2018.

A motion was made by Jack Bossard and seconded by James Fodge to adjourn the meeting. Carried: Bossard, aye; Fodge, aye; Rice, aye; Barry, aye; Harrington, aye; Holevinski, aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. The next Planning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Loreen Karr, Clerk

