

**ROME CITY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 19, 2023**

The Rome City Board of Zoning Appeals held their regular meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rome City Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Fox.

Members Present:

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| Barb Tatman                | Judy Fox     |
| Leigh A. Pranger-Secretary | Kelly Morris |
| Christine Coe              |              |

Members Absent:

Mike Friskney

Rollcall determined a quorum was present.

Interested Parties in attendance: Town Attorney Charity Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Malott.

Member Tatman made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented. Second by Member Morris. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried. The minutes were posted on the bulletin board for everyone to read.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Request to table to the December 15, 2022 meeting

Tabled from October-Variance #2022-17, lack of quorum at the November meeting, no meeting in December.

Tyler Malott, 3662 E Northport Road, Rome City, IN 46784 is requesting relief from Rome City Board of Zoning Appeals commitments on Variance #2021-20 restricting the addition of a covered porch on the pole building. This will allow for a covered porch to be added on the south side and part of the east side of the pole building.

Tyler Malott addressed the board regarding the addition of an overhang on the corner of the pole barn. He showed pictures of neighboring pole barns all having overhangs above the doorways. He noted the overhang is necessary in inclement weather to keep you dry when entering the building. He noted during the summer months it would be nice to have a place to get out of the sun as they do not have mature shade trees on the lot and only a couple of umbrellas around the pool. Member Tatman stated she is not in favor of adding anything to the building to make it look more like a residence. VC Morris stated she drove around the area and found only a couple of pole buildings without the overhangs and stated the barns with the overhangs look more aesthetically pleasing. She further stated she can see the need to have a location to sit out of the sun. Member Tatman requested an inspection be performed by Zoning Administrator Leigh Pranger to verify the Malott's are in compliance with their variance stating only a toilet and a sink are allowed in the pole barn.

Chair Fox called for interested parties on Variance #2022-17. Josh Belhumeur adjoining owner to the north, sent in a letter stating he is against changes to the original variance. No other interested parties were in attendance.

After some discussion amongst the board Chair Fox called for a motion. Member Tatman made a motion to approved with the inspection of the pole building by Zoning Administrator Leigh

Pranger for restroom compliance. Second by Member Coe. Rollcall for vote: Barb Tatman-No, Judy Fox-Yes, Kelly Morris-Yes, Christine Coe-Yes. Motion Carried with the stipulation of the inspection.

Pranger stated she will contact Malott's before the next meeting to perform the inspection.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Election of Officers-Secretary Pranger informed the board the current officers: Judy Fox-Chair, Kelly Morris-Vice-Chair and Leigh Pranger-Secretary. Member Tatman made a motion to retain the same slate of officers for 2023. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.


**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a. No response on 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter sent to Josh Miller-Small engine repair shop on 800N-Mr. Miller enlarged his fenced in area and all "equipment" is out of site to the public. He is in compliance.
- b. Sent Letter to Tom Moore-900 N regarding vehicles on property and possible business Spoke with Mr. Moore-he will move the vehicles along the road to the back of the property out of sight. He is not running a business. Hobby to make vehicles to use on sand dunes, rock climb etc... The state of Indiana has made it very difficult to get rid of vehicles (i.e. crush them-title are now required) Drive by inspection-vehicle along roadway moved to the back of the property and he is working on the rest of the vehicles as weather permits. Working on full compliance
- c. Sent Letter to Jason Freeman-550 E-regarding vehicles on property and possible business. No response. Drive-by inspection-vehicles were moved from along the road and front yard of house, vehicles moved form around the pole barn. No evidence he is running a business. He is in compliance.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business Member Tatman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Second by Member Morris. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

  
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Judy Fox, Chair BZA

Attest:   
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Leigh A Pranger, Secretary