

VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF THE ZONING BOARD MEETING HELD ON:
Tuesday, December 17, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Aviston Zoning Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on December 17, 2024, at the Village Hall by Mike Engel. In attendance were Mike Engel, Clayton Renth, Amelia Morgan, Terry Tebbe, Rick Zobrist, Zachary Meyer, Dave Trame and Irma Deimeke. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

1. GUESTS: Louis Keil & Paul Irby, Dimension Energy (by phone).
2. AGENDA: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Zachary Meyer and seconded by Clayton Renth. Motion carried.
3. MINUTES: Minutes of the November 2024 meeting were available for all to review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Clayton Renth and seconded by Amelia Morgan. Motion carried.
4. NEW BUSINESS: None.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Current permits: Dave Trame reported: December permits – 2–miscellaneous. Totals for 2024 are: 10–new homes, 46–Miscellaneous, 11–Accessory Use, 3–Commercial Addition, 1–residential addition, 2–commercial structure, 1–multi-family residence, 2–variance.

b) New solar farm discussion: Mike Engel opened the discussion and stated that the Village's and County's Comprehensive Plan was reviewed over several meetings and it was voted to not change either the zoning code or comprehensive plan. Thus, we have no provision to allow energy projects in our 1 ½ mile area. Further, the Zoning Board had recommended to the Village Board not to approve the solar farm that was proposed across the street from the American Legion Home. Discussion on the table was regarding the new proposal for a solar farm which is 1 ½ miles from the village boundary. Various discussions were held. The County is predominantly agricultural and the solar farms would be better located in a non-farming or residential area outside 1 ½ miles of all municipalities. In our Village Plan, we do not have a 'category' for it.

After a lengthy discussion, the Zoning Board is recommending to the Village to NOT make any changes to the Village Comprehensive Plan or Zoning Code at this time.

c) Recap of Village Board meeting: it was noted that the Village Board agreed to raising the Variance & Special Use fees on the building permit application to \$250.

5. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. was made by Terry Tebbe, seconded by Amelia Morgan. Motion carried.

Irma Deimeke