

Village of Black River
Planning Board Agenda
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2024
6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order, roll call & welcome
2. Review of agenda
3. Review & approval of the minutes- **November 14, 2023 & January 09, 2024**
4. Review of correspondence & communications-
5. Public comments
6. Village Board comments
7. Report from Code Enforcement office
8. Report from Zoning Board of Appeals Liaison
9. New Business:
10. Old Business: **Solar Codes**
11. Comments of Planning Board Members
12. Adjournment

Please contact the Village Office at 773-5721 if you are unable to attend a scheduled Planning Board meeting.

Village of Black River
Planning Board Meeting
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Present-

Chairman Stafford
Board Member Leonard
Board Member Shepard
Board Member Bauschke

Absent-

Board Member Morgia
Board Member Hoering
Board Member Hayes

Also, Present-

Bonnie Proven- Village Board Liaison

Meeting called to order at 6:26 p.m.

Motion to accept September 12, 2023 minutes made by Board Member Leonard and seconded by Board Member Bauschke.

All in favor. Motion was carried.

Correspondence and Communications: Code Enforcement Letter

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: None

Code Enforcement Report: None

Public Comments: None

New Business: Code Enforcement Recommendation

Planning Board members reviewed the letter from Code Enforcement Officer James Holland regarding a recommendation to change the wording of Article III 149:11

Planning Board members discussed the code recommendations made by the Code Enforcement Office.

A motion to change Article III 149:11 to read CEO and paragraph 149:18 to read CEO and Superintendent made by Board Member Shepard and seconded by Board Member Bauschke. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to add “all excavating in the Village including the creation, expansion and repaving of driveways and parking lots to chapter 85-3A (4) made by Board member Leonard and seconded by Board Member Bauschke. All in favor. Motion carried.

Planning Board
November 14, 2023

Old Business: Solar Codes

Planning Board members discussed battery storage for solar farms and the dangers they posed.

Village Board Comments:

Bonnie Proven, Village Board Trustee and Planning Board liaison, indicated that the Village Board is against solar farm battery storage and that a letter will be presented to the Planning Board with the recommendation to not allow solar battery storage.

A motion to adopt the Model Solar Law with adjusted paragraph numbering to fit the Black River Code and replace subsection 175:81 made by Board Member Shepard and seconded by Board Member Bauschke. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Planning Board members discussed changing the Regular Planning Board meetings from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a proposed adjournment of 8:00 p.m.

Recording Secretary advised tabling the motion for 8:00 p.m. adjournment until the next meeting to make sure that the motion was ethical and allowed.

A motion to adjust the Planning time from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a proposed adjournment of 8:00 p.m. made by Board Member Shepard and seconded by Board Member Bauschke. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting December 12, 2023.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. by Board Member Leonard and seconded by Board Member Shepard. All in Favor. Motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tarra Benson-
Recording Secretary

Village of Black River
Planning Board Meeting
Regular Meeting
January 09, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Present -

Chairman Stafford
Board Member Morgia
Board Member Shepard
Board Member Benson
Board Member Hayes

Absent -

Board Member Hoering

Also, Present -

Bonnie Proven- Village Board Liaison
Michael Bourcy-County Planning Department
Sam Wilson-County Planning Department

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to accept November 14, 2023 minutes tabled until February meeting.

Chairman Stafford welcomed new board member, Bryan Benson.

Correspondence and Communications: Village Board letter regarding solar. Letter from Black River Fire Department Chief, Matt Carpenter. Letter from former planning board member, Thomas Bauschke.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: None

Code Enforcement Report: None

Public Comments: None

New Business: County Planning Department to discuss solar codes.
Welcome new board member Bryan Benson

**Planning Board
January 09, 2024**

Old Business: Solar Codes

Mr. Bourcy from County Planning Department discussed items that could be placed into the village solar law and explained how their department could help the village write their solar law.

The planning board members discussed the Carthage and NYSERDA Solar Law and how they related to the needs of Black River.

Mr. Bourcy indicated that they would like to attend the February 05, 2024 Village Board meeting, whereupon the Black River Fire Chief and the County Director of Fire and EMS will be attending to discuss Solar farm safety concerns.

Mr. Bourcy stated that the village may want to include requirements for emergency operations, fire and safety, landscape, and road maintenance plans.

Village Board Comments:

Village Board Trustee and Planning Board liaison, Bonnie Proven, stated that the concerns of the Village Board were regarding battery storage, aesthetics, setbacks, and water concerns for fire suppression.

A motion to extend the January 09, 2024 regular planning board meeting past 8:00 p. m. was by Board Member Hayes and seconded by Board Member Morgia. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting February 13, 2024.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. by Board Member Hayes and seconded by Board Member Morgia. All in Favor. Motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tarra Benson-
Recording Secretary