

# VILLAGE OF BISMARCK

County of Vermilion, State of Illinois

## Minutes of Planning Commission Committee Meeting, April 11th, 2023

1. At 6:32 p.m. in the Village office located at 106 E. Holloway, Bismarck, Illinois, Chairman Rick Kentner opened the meeting.
2. Roll call was taken by Chairperson Rick Kentner. Planning Commission Committee members present were Eric Siddens; Tim Landers; Misty Hillard; Tim Hillard and Ryan Smalley. Committee member Zach Hagley was absent due to work obligations. A quorum was established. Guests in attendance: None
3. Motion to approve agenda was made by Ryan Smalley, with a second made by Tim Hillard. The motion passed by acclamation.
4. Approval of meeting minutes from March 15th, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve minutes for March 15th, 2023 made by Misty Hillard, with a second made by Eric Siddens. Motion passed by acclamation.
5. Chairman Comments/Public Comments/Questions: No public comments as no guests in attendance. Chairman Kentner welcomed everyone to the meeting.
6. Discussion of Building Permit/Special Permit/Zoning/Rezoning Requests
  - a. Chairman Kentner presented the building permit request from Mr. Rick Kentner for his property at 26851 N 1850 E Road, Bismarck, IL. The committee reviewed the building request and all documents pertaining to the site plan and building proposal. He has proposed to remove 3 sheds and a silo and place a new farm building of 70'x104'. Site Plans were submitted by FBI Buildings. It was discussed that Mr. Kentner is the chairman of the planning commission and therefore will abstain from voting.

### 7. Decision of Building Permit/Special Permit/Zoning/Rezoning Requests

- a. Planning Commission Committee members voted to make a recommendation to The Village of Bismarck Board of Trustees to approve the building request from Mr. Rick Kentner, for his property at 26851 N 1850 E Road, Bismarck, IL, as requested based on the building permit and documents reviewed. Motion to approve the building permit request was made by Tim Landers, with a second made by Ryan Smalley. The vote passed with a unanimous vote among present committee members.

Eric Siddens- Yea	Tim Hillard- Yea	Zach Hagley-Absent	Rick Kentner- Abstain
Misty Hillard- Yea	Ryan Smalley- Yea	Tim Landers-Yea	N/A

### 8. No Old business to discuss

9. **New Business-** Chairman Rick Kentner updated the Planning Commission members that he had spoken to President Brown about the abandoned gas station and some other properties that appear to be abandoned. President Brown has reached out to the Village Attorney to see what legal action can be taken. Chairman Kentner stated that he knows the goal of the Planning Commission is to ensure that

the Village of Bismarck is a nice place to live and that they would like to beautify Bismarck. He also recommended that when looking at areas of town, maybe it can be divided into zones and that zone is focused on for clean-up. Member Tim Landers asked if we could look into and use grant money to remove anything that is EPA related as it is believed there are still tanks in the ground at the old gas station off of Bowman. This will be brought up to the Village Board. The planning commission members were encouraged to be thinking about what they would like to see moving forward in regards to the Village.

The Code Enforcement Officer position that the Village Board is implementing was discussed and the Planning Commission would like to see someone who is knowledgeable (or willing to become knowledgeable) on the zoning laws, but also a person who will work with our residents to help them be successful in completing what the Village would like to see happen. They do not want a dictator, but someone willing to guide and then if needed, legal action.

Chairman Kentner asked if another member of the committee would be able to attend the Village Board of Trustees meeting to make the recommendation of the building permit. Committee Member Eric Siddens stated he would be able to attend and make recommendations. Committee Member Tim Landers will be a back-up if Mr. Siddens becomes unavailable.

**10. Date and Time of Next Meeting** – The next regular meeting of the Bismarck Planning Commission Committee will be held at the Village Office in Bismarck, Illinois, on May 9th, 2023, at 6:30pm. Items to be considered for the agenda are to be submitted by May 2nd, 2023, to the Village Clerk.

**11. Adjournment** – With no further business to come before the Committee at this time, upon motion by Misty Hillard, with a second by Tim Hillard, a decision was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm. The motion passed by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED 05/09/2023**

Brandye Kizer, Village Clerk