

# VILLAGE OF BISMARCK

County of Vermilion, State of Illinois

## Minutes of Planning Commission Committee Meeting, November 14th, 2023

1. At 6:36 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 Clerk Brandye Kizer. Planning Commission Committee members present were Eric Siddens; Tim Hillard; Misty Hillard; Tim Landers; Ryan Smalley, and Chairperson Rick Kentner. Code Enforcement Officer Charles Stahl was in attendance. Committee member Zach Hagley was absent. A quorum was established. Guests in attendance: Bruce Johnson, Jack Luttrell, Sandra Cox, Mike Cox, Dwight and Connie Marksman, David Harper, Sierra Reich, Derald Phillips, Kenny Wynn, Kirby Reich, Kent Westfahl, Cole Heidrick, Mitchell Harper, Derek Heidrick, Gavin Heidrick, Lee High, Ronnie and Anita Nixon, Jim Steinbaugh, Melissa Leigh, Judy Pendleton, Tom Kentner, Kent Leigh, and Sherri Adams.
3. Motion to approve agenda was made by Ryan Smalley, with a second made by Eric Siddens. The motion passed by acclamation.
4. Approval of meeting minutes from September 12th, 2023, Planning Commission was made on motion by Eric Siddens, with a second made by Tim Landers. Motion passed by acclamation.
5. Chairman Comments/Public Comments/Questions

Chairman Kentner welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated he was glad to see a packed house. Residents addressed the planning commission about a possible Solar Farm coming into Bismarck on 2650. Chairman Kentner stated that as far as he knows the Planning Commission and the Village Board of Trustees has not been approached about any such matters. The Village Attorney stated there is a process if a company is interested in purchasing the land for such usage. It was asked if the Village has any sort of ordinance for solar farms and wind farms. At this time the Village does not and so the law that would have to be followed would fall down to what the statute and ordinances for the county and state are. It was asked if the Village Board and Planning Commission should be proactive in getting something in place. Residents are concerned about the possibility of a solar farm, and many do not want one placed on the property on 2650. It was discussed that the process would require a public hearing because the current zoning of the property is agricultural. It appears that to have a solar farm the zoning would need to be changed. The residents asked if there was anything they could do. It was discussed they could possibly do a petition and present to the Village Board of Trustees so they would know where the residents stood if something would transpire. There are guidelines and time restraints for such matters. Property owners have rights and things would have to be addressed appropriately. At this time the planning commission has no information about a company or a request to place a solar farm on 2650.

### 6. Discussion

- a. Chairman Kentner stated that no building permits were received.

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

- a. There were no building permits/zoning/rezoning requests received to discuss.

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

- a. No action required as no building permits were received this month.

### 9. No Old business to discuss

### 9. New Business

- a. 2024 Planning Commission Meeting dates will remain the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**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 December 12th, 2023, at 6:30pm. Permits and zoning requests need to be received by the village clerk by November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to be added to the agenda. Items to be considered for the agenda by the committee are to be submitted by December 5th, 2023, to the Village Clerk.

**11. Adjournment** – With no further business to come before the Committee at this time, upon motion by Ryan Smalley, with a second by Eric Siddens, a decision was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandye Kizer, Village Clerk

**APPROVED**