

Supervisor Hebert called the special meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Ganges Township Hall located at the corner of 119th Ave. and 64th St. Board members present by roll call attendance: Phelps, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins, and Gooding.

Hutchins moved, Gooding seconded, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Jeff Swenarton, representing David and Jan Ryder, spoke about the ZBA meeting held 7 weeks ago and expressed his opinion on the litigation between 20872 70th Street, LLC v. Ganges Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

Carol Josefowicz, ZBA, gave a brief history on past ZBA decisions and also asked the question, "How many residential properties are LLCs?" She feels that this means they are for profit in a residential area. Out of 24 cases, 6 were tabled and the ZBA was able to work with the applicants who made changes and then had the variance approved. 5 were denied with no problems.

Hebert moved, Gooding seconded, that the Township Board meet in a closed session under Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation in Allegan County Circuit Court, as to discuss these matters in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigation or settlement position of the Township. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins-yes, Reimink-yes, Hebert-yes, Phelps-yes, Gooding-yes. (5/0)

Public Meeting was recessed at 6:18pm at which time the Township Board along with the ZBA and attorney Ron Bultje went into a closed session.

Closed session was called to order by Supervisor Hebert at 6:19 pm.

Hebert moved, Gooding seconded, to adjourn the closed session at 7:05 pm. Motion carried.

Public meeting was call back to order by Supervisor Hebert at 7:06 pm.

Hebert moved, Gooding seconded, to move forward with appraisal and grant application. Motion carried.

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Phelps, Clerk