

**Buffalo Board of Appeals**  
**Minutes**  
**May 15, 2014**  
**7 p.m. Town Hall**

Present: David Rieckmann, Charles Church, Jan Banicki, Donna Seddon, John Goetz, Cathy Franks

Others: Charles R. Corso, Tom Onofrey, Shane Dedrick, Merlin Buckley, Freeman Schrock, Omer Schwartz, David Bontrager, Donna Dedrick, Neil Miller, Mike Guenther, Harley Hochstetler, Brigid Palmer, Jeff Marquart, Cindy Marquart, Joe Duffy, Peggy Wilson, ?

The Clerk called the Meeting to Order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 pm.

The Clerk asked for nominations for a temporary chair of this meeting. Charles Church, second by John Goetz, made a motion to nominate Jan Banicki as temporary chair. The Clerk called for nominations two more times. No more nominations were made. The Clerk closed the nominations and called the motion. Yes-5 No-0 Abstain-0. Motion passes. Jan Banicki is the temporary chair.

The chairman read the rules of order, verified that this was an open meeting, and that this meeting was duly posted.

Agenda

Charles Church, second by John Goetz, made a motion to approve the agenda as read.

Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

David Rieckmann, second by Charles Church, made a motion to approve the December 19, 2013 meeting minutes as read. Motion carried.

The chair opened the public hearing for **Harley Hochstetler, Owner, N1997 16<sup>th</sup> Rd, Montello, WI 53949 & Freeman Schrock, Agent, W5491 Barry Road, Pardeeville, WI 53954** who are requesting a Special Exception under Section 16.15(6)(K) of the Town of Buffalo General Zoning Ordinance for the construction and operation of a school on Lots 1 & 2, CSM 3334, in the N½ of the SW¼-NE¼, Section 10, T14N R10E, Town of Buffalo Fire # N1997 16<sup>th</sup> Road. The chair read history, info, and materials provided in the packet. The applicant explained about the property and use. The main reason for the request is because the current Amish schools are running out of room and building a new 28'x44' school for grades 1-8 on this property will allow many of the surrounding students to walk to school. The chair opened the meeting to public comment. Four people spoke in favor of granting the Special Exception. Merlin Buckley spoke against the Special Exception as his land borders this land. He feels that there could be a problem during his hunting season. Discussion followed concerning how Merlin Buckley should change the location of his hunting stands since he is not allowed to shoot over a property line or road. **The chair closed the public hearing and the Board deliberated.**

Charles Church, second by John Goetz, made a motion to grant the request for a Special Exception to build a school and accessory buildings for the school.

**Vote on Special Exception Application: Yes-5; No-0. Special Exception Application Approved 5-0.**

Next Meeting

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. if needed.

Adjourn

David Rieckmann, second by John Goetz, made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk