

OTISCO TOWNSHIP
Preliminary
ZONING BOARD MINUTES for January 8, 2018

- Members Present:** Frank Mason – Chairperson; Dan Ziegler - co-chairperson; Laura Staats – Secretary; Glenn Geiger – Alternate
- Call to Order:** Frank Mason called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve the Agenda as written was supported, passed 3-0
- Approve Minutes:** Minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved, passed 3-0
- Correspondence:** Zoning Administrator, Roger Vander Molen gave a short review of the 2017 year and an update on the Country Road project [formerly Ranney Road]. 90 ordinance complaints were handled in 2017 compared to the 54 in 2016.
- Township Board: Dan gave a short review of the previous board meeting regarding the Township Recreation Plan and possible changes to the Cemetery Ordinance, and reminded everyone that Township Budget meeting will also be held in January.
- Planning Commission: The Planning Commission discussed the Recreation Plan for the Township and Hall, but will not move forward until more surveys from the residents have been received.
- Old Business:** None
- New Business:** Regular Meeting closed at 7:12 pm **Public Hearing:** Ashely Baptist Church at 10463 Belding Road, parcel # 130-017-000-015-30 Belding, MI wishes to install an illuminated sign. Sample photos were provided, and it was stated that in the future that the Church would like to update the sign to include a scrolling marquee. Pastor Gib Brown represented Ashely Baptist Church. Public Hearing closed at 7:21 pm.
- A discussion followed regarding the requested variance to allow an illuminated sign. The Otisco Township Zoning Board agrees to allow the Ashley Baptist Church to have an illuminated sign and upgrade the sign to a digital scrolling sign in the next five years. A motion was made and supported to allow a variance to 1.542 of the Otisco Township Sign and Billboards Ordinance in support of the Ashley Baptist Church. Passed 3 - 0
- Public Comment:** None
- Member Comment:** An all Committee's Meeting is to be scheduled for some time in March.
- Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made, and supported, passed 3-0
Meeting adjourned at 7:29PM.
- Next Meeting:** March 12, 2018 @ 7:00 PM Otisco Township Hall
- Proposed Agenda:** Approve January Meeting minutes for Public Hearing for Ashley Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted:
Laura Staats