

**December 18, 2014**

**Saline Township Zoning Board of Appeals**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm

Attendance:

Chair: Eugene Heusel

Secretary: Carrie DeJonghe

Richard Zahn

James Laramie

Pledge of Allegiance led by Eugene Huesel

Agenda: Election of Officers

Variance request of Roger Ahrens:

Sell 3.4 acres instead of 3.0 acres, which is more than required by Zoning Ordinance

**Election of officers** held, Eugene Heusel nominated for chair and Carrie Dejonghe nominated for Secretary by Richard Zahn, seconded by James Laramie. Supported unanimously. Eugen Heusel is chair of committee and Carrie DeJonghe is secretary.

**Hearing on variance request by Roger Arhens**, of 12924 E. Michigan Ave, Clinton, Michigan 49236. Mr. Ahrens is requesting a variance to allow for selling 3.4 acres of the parent property. Primary reason for the division in this manner to allow access to and protection of the drain field located at the northwest corner of the property. The drain field was completed prior to Mr. Ahrens purchase of property. The placement of drain field prevents logical alternate divisions; other possible divisions would result in unconventional shaped parcel. The proposed division retains square shaped parcel, access to and protection of drain field as well as ease of access to farmland behind parcel. The variance is of 0.4 of an acre. It is a practical division, the circumstances are unique and problem not self-created. Exemptions to lot size for drain field and preservation of larger parcel of farmland has been utilized previously and is deemed a reasonable accommodation by committee members. While it would be possible to sell two smaller parcels, one of 3 acres and one of 0.4 acres this is not generally determined to be reasonable, and would result in diminished usability for smaller portion of property.

Public comments requested, none presented.

James Laramie made motion to accept variance from 3 acres to 3.4 acres. Richard Zahn seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. by Eugene Heusel, seconded by Richard Zahn. Motioned carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie DeJonghe, Secretary

Cc: Eugene Heusel, Jim Marion, Robert Marion, Roger Ahrens