

# Board of Zoning Appeals



**Minutes for the Tuesday, March 7, 2023, Regular Meeting  
6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 100 Georgia Avenue**

*Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals*

Wesley Summers

*Chairman*

Bill Burkhalter

Kathie Stallworth

Jim Newman

Kevin Scaggs

*CITIZEN ASSISTANCE: Individuals requiring special assistance or a sign interpreter to participate in the meeting are asked to please notify the Department of Planning and Development 48 hours prior to the meeting at 803-441-4221.*

## **REGULAR MEETING**

1. **Call to Order** – 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**- Members present were Kevin Scaggs, Jim Newman and Bill Burkhalter.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2022. Minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Confirmation of Agenda** No changes to agenda.
5. **ZV23-001**– A request by Robert Harris for a variance from Section 4.2, Table 4-1, Accessory Uses and Structures, setbacks of the North Augusta Development Code to allow for an accessory structure in a front yard setback. The request affects approximately 8.21 ac zoned R-7, Small Lot, Single-Family Residential located at 1800 Flamingo Road, TPN 006-14-02-001.

Mr. Paradise stated that Mr. Harris has requested this variance because it is being put in the front of the house. He has his residence is on this property. He wants to construction 768 sq. ft single story barn about 60 feet from southern property line. The contractor named Matthew came forward to speak about the barn. Matthew talked about not being able to see the barn from other residents homes. The barn is to keep his RV and golfcart stored in. There will be a buffer in the front of the property.

- a. **Public Hearing** – The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on the application. No one came to speak against this variance.

b. **Consideration** – Consideration of Application ZV23-001 by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Scaggs made the first motion and the second was by Mr. Burkhalter. It was approved unanimously with the condition it be sited as shown on the application documents and it have a 25 ft. buffer between garage and property line.

6. **ZV23-002**– A request by Be Ye Holy Ministries, Inc. for a variance from NADC Article 13, Signs; Section 13.8.3.L.i. and 13.8.3.L.ii. Signage Allowed for Non-Residential Districts and Uses, Electronic Reader boards district and sign area of the North Augusta Development Code to allow for an electronic readerboard for an institutional use in a residential zoning district that also exceeds 50% of the sign area. The request affects approximately 0.43 ac located at 1117 Seymour Drive zoned R-10, Medium Lot, Single-Family Residential, TPN 007-08-10-001

Mr. Paradise stated that this is Be Ye Holy Ministries Church it is located at Edgefield Rd. and Seymour Dr. They are requesting a electric message sign for the church. It is in a R-10 zoning area and this type of sign is not allowed. This also exceeds the signage area as well. Mr. Paradise stated the pastor should talk to the neighbors and see what their thoughts are on this. There were two ladys who came to office today who live near the church. They are both opposed to having the sign. There are other options for a sign for them to use.

Michael Edwards and Joe Newsome came forward to speak on behalf for the church. Mr. Newsome said they did have a wooden sign before but a storm took it out. Since then they wanted to replace with a reader board sign. They told they neighbors if they got the sign it would be shut off at 10:00 pm. every night. Mr. Edwards stated they wanted to upgrade the neighborhood not make it worse. They just want a sign to give out information of events going on at the church.

a. **Public Hearing** – The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on the application.

Robert Cooper who lives on Mckenzie Circle, is opposed of the flashing sign. He states that there are others that don't want this type of sign either.

Angela Houston also lives near the church and she does not think the sign would be a problem.

Annette Newsome also came forward about the church sign. She explained that people miss out on things happening at church due to not having a sign that it can be posted on. She things the sign would be a benefit for the community.

Ashlyin Cooper is speaking about fixing the Crestlyn Sign for the neighborhood and they don't want another sign bigger than the neighborhood sign.

Mr. Scaggs asked about temporary signs but Mr. Paradise stated they cannot have them. Mr. Paradise also stated they could have a free standing sign.

b. **Consideration** – Consideration of Application ZV23-002 by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The BZA unanimously denied the application finding hardship was self-imposed for asking about the electronic reader board. The code does offer other signage alternatives that would meet the church's needs.

7. Adjourn 7:41pm

As approved April 11, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas L. Paradise  
Director of Planning and Development  
Secretary to the Board of Zoning Appeals