

**Montgomery County Planning Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**(meeting held in MCBDC, 113 Park Drive, Fultonville)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Hoffman, Chairman  
Frank Maphia, Member  
Frank Szykowski, Member  
Irene Collins, Member  
Wayne DeMallie, Alternate

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alex Kuttesch, Senior Planner  
Karl Gustafson Jr., Grant Assistant  
Andrew Santillo, Staff Assistant

**ABSENT:**

Peter Lyden, Member  
Angela Frederick, Member  
Erin Covey, Member  
Betty Sanders, Alternate  
David Wiener, Vice Chairman

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Grant Egelston- City of Amsterdam

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Hoffman at 6:31 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

The roll call of board members was done by Chairman Hoffman.

**III. Adoption of the Agenda**

Irene Collins made a motion to adopt the agenda, Frank Szykowski seconded. All members present were in favor.

**IV. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

Frank Szykowski made a motion to accept previous meeting minutes, Wayne DeMallie seconded the motion. The previous minutes were approved.

**V. Organizational meeting**

There were no changes to the meeting time and day of the week the meeting is held.

**VI. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**VII. City of Amsterdam- Area Variance**

Alex Kuttesch explained that this an area variance for the ‘America Loves Trump’ sign in the City of Amsterdam. The variance is for the height of the sign. The current maximum height for a sign is 40 feet. The sign exceeds this height.

Mark Hoffman made a motion to take no action on the referral. Seconded by Frank Maphia. Irene Collins abstained.

The referral was sent back to the City of Amsterdam with no action taken.

**VIII. City of Amsterdam- Area Variance**

Alex Kuttesch stated that this referral is an area variance for the ‘America Loves Trump’ sign in the City of Amsterdam. This variance is for relief from the local law stating, no sign shall advertise a product or service that is not principally available on the premises.

Mark Hoffman made a motion to take no action on the referral. Seconded by Frank Maphia. Irene Collins abstained.

The referral was sent back to the City of Amsterdam with no action taken.

**IX. City of Amsterdam- Area Variance**

Alex Kuttesch stated that this referral is another area variance for the ‘America Loves Trump’ sign in the City of Amsterdam. The last variance for this project is to grant relief for the total area of the sign. In the City, the law stats that signs shall not exceed 100 square feet. The sign is roughly 360 square feet.

Mark Hoffman made a motion to take no action on the referral. Seconded by Frank Maphia. Irene Collins abstained.

The referral was sent back to the City of Amsterdam with no action taken.

**X. Town of Mohawk- Site Plan Review**

Alex Kuttesch stated that this referral is a site plan review for an Amish shed business on route 30 in the Town of Mohawk. Alex mentioned that its located in a business district and is an allowable use.

Irene Collins made a motion to approve the referral, seconded by Wayne DeMallie. All members present were in favor.

The referral was approved.

**XI. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**XII. Adjournment**

Irene Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mark Hoffman. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karl Gustafson Jr.  
Economic Development Grant Assistant