



**VILLAGE OF HEWITT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 24, 2012 – 7:00 PM
HEWITT VILLAGE HALL
Minutes**

1. The Special meeting of the Village of Hewitt Board was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ken Eilers.
2. Present: Ken Eilers, Charlie Adamski, Jeff Graves, Dan Sova, Marlene Stueland
3. Absent: Kris Hawley
4. Guests: Carl Draxler, Glen Draxler
5. Communication from the Public: Mr. Glen Draxler outlined his proposal to purchase the property located at 7630 Maple Lane, Hewitt currently owned by Dorothy Bores to establish a Group home for physically and mentally challenged adults in the age range of 18 to 80+ years. The plans at this time include remodeling the garage into a bedroom, updating the electrical wiring; plus other updates and remodeling as needed for the group home. Mr. Draxler plans to house at least 4 adults with more depending on how the house is remodeled. The property is currently zoned residential (falling within District A-Single Family Residence of the Village's Zoning Ordinance 3.0) and Mr. Draxler requested that the property be re-zoned if necessary to allow him to establish a Group Home at the aforementioned site.
6. OLD BUSINESS: None
7. NEW BUSINESS:
 - The issues before the board regarding Mr. Draxler's request above included:
 - Review of Zoning Ordinance 3.0 – Residential sections
 - Determine action steps needed for Mr. Draxler's request to establish a group home at 7630 Maple Lane, Hewitt
 - Upon review of the Zoning Ordinance 3.0 by board members it was determined that the current ordinance did not include a district which permitted group homes.
 - Ken commented to board members that upon contacting the Zoning and Planning Office at the County, it was the recommendation of that office that group home(s) be classified in District B-Multiple Family District.
 - Discussion included:
 - It appeared that the current zoning ordinance would need to be revised to include group homes no matter which district was decided upon
 - Time frame for revising the ordinance
 - Procedures for ordinance revisions to include posting, number of readings
 - Which district group homes should be listed: District A – Single Family Residential or District B – Multiple Family
 - Zoning Committee referral (dependent whether District A or District B was selected as the appropriate district for group homes) and time frame for such referral

- Mr. Glen Draxler and Mr. Carl Draxler expressed their position that any delays in approving their request by the board would jeopardize the sale of the property to them as they did not want to proceed with the purchase unless they knew the property was zoned for group homes. They also challenged the village's process for approving their request, i.e. zoning ordinance update, possible zoning committee referral.
- Lengthy discussion occurred concluding with:
- A motion by Jeff, second by Charlie to grant Mr. Draxler "approval to proceed with the group home for 4 or less adults in District A-Single Family Residence as an exception to the Village's Zoning Ordinance 3-0 which currently does not reflect this use in District A.
- Roll Call Vote:
Jeff – YES
Dan- NO
Charlie – YES

Motion carried; Mr. Draxler's request was approved.

- ◆ A motion by Jeff, second by Danto adjourn at 8:45 PM carried.

Recorder: *Marlene Stueland, Village Clerk*