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October 1, 2020
Zoom Meeting – because of COVID19
Meeting Minutes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by the Chair at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Confirmed on Call

William Clarke, Chairman-Yes	Jackie White, Attorney-Yes
Tracey Chandler- Yes	Lynn Summers, Secretary-Yes
Sigrid Koch- yes	
Glenn Tearno -excused- working	

Motion to Approve the Previous Minutes as written from September 3, 2019

made by Tracey Chandler, seconded by Sigrid Koch, All in favor-Aye

Proposal from Independent Consultant: William Johnson re: AT&T and Verizon

- **Authorize the engagement of Mr. Johnson**
Re: Pro0posed Tower Telecommunications Facility Site Review

Zoning Board Chair stated that based on discussion at the September 3, 2020 meeting the Zoning Board decided that they would like to engage a Professional to review the Cell Tower Applications information provided to the Town. William said the board has contracted with a consulting firm that does that work.

AT&T and Verizon have agreed to reimburse the Town for the costs of the Consultant's services.

Jackie White just to clarify I believe you said that you contracted with a consultant and we have not contracted yet. Our Zoning Administrator spoke with a consultant regarding what we are looking for and we received a pretty lengthy proposal, not too lengthy. The board has received the proposal to review. Our purpose tonight is for the board to consider authorizing the Chair to sign an engagement letter with the consultant.
Thank you for the clarification Jackie.

Board Discussion

Sigrid and Tracey reviewed Mr. Johnsons proposal.

Sigrid – the question is when and how quickly will he review it?

Jackie said I believe it is an estimated of 4 weeks from the signing of the proposal. I believe he has application materials already.

If the board approves, we can send that signed proposal to him right away.

William welcomed Jared Lusk to the meeting. Jared said he is very thorough.

Jackie White- her firm has had other municipalities that they represent use Mr. Johnson and one that Mr. Johnson has acted on cell tower review.

William said he is very impressed with his resume.

Tracey reviewed the information.

Jackie said if the board agrees we should move forward with a resolution authorizing engaging him with the understanding that the applicants have agreed to reimburse the town for the fees. Verizon may have already sent a check to the town and AT&T have sent the fee and the town should receive the check tomorrow to be held in escrow and to be applied to the fees.

Jared Lusk just for the record Verizon said paid first.

Motion to move forward with the hire of William Johnson for the proposed tower telecommunication Site Review made by Sigrid Koch, seconded with reservations by Tracey Chandler. Roll- all in favor.

Jackie just for clarification Sigrid this motion is for his review both the cell tower Applications AT&T and Verizon. Sigrid – yes for both agencies.

William- so Tracey are you on board with me signing the proposal with Mr. Johnson?

Tracey said I do not understand what he is going to do for us. Is he going to look at other locations? I think Mr. Johnson is very capable. I'm uncomfortable that this is the someone recommended by the people who we are trying to get an independent review about. But those are my reservations.

Jackie – just to clarify I don't think we are asking him to review other locations, we are asking for him to review the material that the applicants provided and to provide us with an independent analysis. It is not incumbent on the board to propose other alternatives for him to look at.

William – said that is exactly right Jackie. I just don't feel comfortable as a member of the board of appeals to review the propagation maps in an informed and intelligent way. That's why we are asking him to look at the 2 Cell Tower applications we are currently provided. Asking him to do the work and both AT&T and Verizon have agreed to pay for the work. I feel that is the motion we

have before us tonight. Is that right Jackie? Jackie- yes. Tracey seconded that motion.

Vote: All in favor – aye

William will get together with Jim Martin tomorrow morning with the signed proposal for Mr. Johnson.

Public Hearing for Verizon will be kept open and continue into next month.

Jared Lusk- I only recommended Mr. Johnson because I knew he exclusively works with municipalities. I do not favor him for any other reason. He is a professor at RIT. I have no interest in it whatsoever. Just trying to help the board look for a consultant. Tracey said thank you for that clarification.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM made by Sigrid Koch,
Seconded by Tracey Chandler, All in Favor – Aye

William Clarke- yes

Tracey Chandler – yes

Sigrid Koch – yes

Submitted by Lynn Summers

Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary