

**Barnesville Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, February 6, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Barnesville Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Brent Berg at 6:32 p.m.

Members present: Steve Mortensen, Paul Karsnia, Brent Berg, Dustin Korynta, and Don Goedtke.

Members absent: Rick Hamman

Others present: Mike Rietz and Michael Stein.

**AGENDA**

**02-06-17-01** Motion by Karsnia seconded by Mortensen to approve the agenda. Unanimously carried.

**MINUTES**

**02-06-17-02**

Motion by Mortensen seconded by Karsnia to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 minutes. Unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING - SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM ORDINANCE**

**02-06-17-03** Motion by Goedtke seconded by Karsnia to open the public hearing at 6:34 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Administrator Rietz presented the proposed ordinance that incorporated the changes that were discussed at last month's meeting. These included the requirement that these systems be installed by a licensed contractor and that ground mounted solar systems not be allowed in residential areas. With the increasing popularity of solar as a source for energy, putting something in place to set guidelines for the development of this type of energy system. This is similar to what was put in place a number of years ago regarding wind turbines. The Electric Utility is especially concerned with the Utility Notification paragraph in the attached examples, and there are plenty of reasons to take a look at these model ordinances from a zoning perspective.

**02-06-17-04** Motion by Karsnia seconded by Mortensen to close the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. Unanimously carried.

**02-06-17-05** Motion by Mortensen and seconded by Karsnia to recommend to the City Council approval of the Ordinance as presented. Unanimously carried.

**BUILDING PERMIT LIST**

The building permits for November and December were reviewed. 2 permits with a total valuation of \$6,100.

**2-06-17-06** Motion by Karsnia, seconded by Korynta to adjourn. Unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Michael Rietz  
City Administrator