## HIGHLAND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

**Study Session Minutes** 

July 24, 2024

Study Session began at 6:10 P.M.

In attendance were Commissioners Helms, Murovic, Smith, and Thomas. Commissioner Wright was not in attendance. Also in attendance was Ken Mika, Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator. Not present were Doug Turich, Town Council Liaison and John Reed, BZA Attorney.

Those in attendance briefly reviewed the prepared Findings of Fact for Zbigniew Gula concerning variances that had been approved for construction of a new single-family home at 8134 Wicker Park Drive. Everything appeared to be in order.

It has also been recognized that the Findings of Fact for Hani Abu Eid had not been prepared by Attorney Reed. He was to do this, and it was decided that the BZA would memorialize them at their 8/28/24 meeting. In the meantime, Mr. Mika will prepare a certification letter to the Town Council to advance the process.

Those in attendance reviewed the submitted petition for Douglas and Jacki Bush of 9145 Liable Road concerning a variance request for accessory building square footage. Mr. Mika explained that they have an existing garage built in 1946 that they were going to add on to; however, the existing garage sits in a ditch maintenance easement, meaning it could not be improved. It is grandfathered. The board wanted assurances from the petitioner that the materials/colors, etc., would be as close as possible a match to the construction of the house on the property. Also, what hardships they would state for the need of the variance.

Study Session ended at 6:28 p.m.

Kan Mika

**Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator**