

Fortville Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

*CHANGED*  
*2-27-25* Meeting Minutes  
~~02.28.2025~~ 6:30 PM

*(Time stamps in parentheses to match up with time on meeting video)*

**Opening of Meeting**

Called to order at 6:30 PM by Nathan Sturdevant

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Sean Simmons, Earl Bolander Jr., Nathan Sturdevant, Rick Jacobs, Joe Murphy

Town Staff Present: Alex Intermill – Town Attorney (via Zoom), Adam Zaklikowski – Planning and Building Director, Andy Williams – Recording Secretary

**Oath of Office for New Member, Joe Murphy (1:20)**

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve – E. Bolander, 2<sup>nd</sup> – R. Jacobs. Carried 5-0.

**Approve the Minutes from the January 2025 Meeting**

Motion to approve – S. Simmons, 2<sup>nd</sup> – E. Bolander. Carried 5-0.

**New Business (3:48)**

**Case No. VAR-02-2025 – 738 W. Broadway St. – Moon Drops Distillery**

To consider a request by Mark Pressley of Moon Drops Distillery to allow a Development Standards Variance for construction of a 6,080 SF storage building without Buffer Yard plantings, mounding, or fencing.

***Staff Presentation: Adam Zaklikowski (4:20)***

- Zoning: Industrial: Light (IL)
- Property Use: 2<sup>nd</sup> rickhouse – storage of alcohol
- In Sept. 2024 a Setback and Buffer Yard Variance was approved by BZA but applicant decided to build 2<sup>nd</sup> rickhouse instead of enlarging original.

***Petitioner Comments (12:00)***

- Mark Pressley (Owner, Moon Drops Distillery): explained the original plan would not have been big enough.
  - Spoke to owner to west of property and he is ok with expansion
  - Would be the same general contractor as first rickhouse

Board Questions and Comments (14:36)

- N. Sturdevant: Will the building be the exact layout as the existing one? M. Pressley responded with yes but without the front awning.

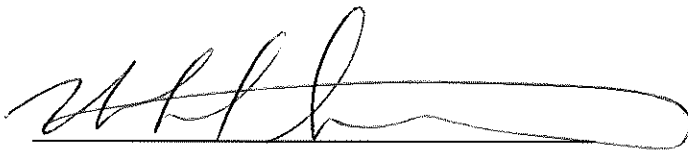
Public Comments (16:27)

- Florance May, question to understand how the drainage is being managed. M. Pressley there is no utility/plumbing so there is no drainage. A. Zaklikowski - Will run by the county surveyor so the property can handle the drainage.

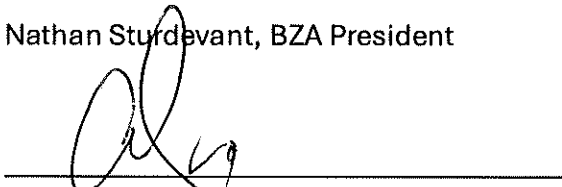
BZA Motion- Motion to approve – E. Bolander, 2<sup>nd</sup> – R. Jacobs. Carried 5-0.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 6:52 – R. Jacobs. 2<sup>nd</sup> – S. Simmons. Carried 5-0.



Nathan Sturdevant, BZA President



Andy Williams, Recording Secretary