

Town of Callahan
'A Florida Municipality'

Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2020

Present at meeting: Mr. Williams, Mrs. Piipke, Mr. Mellecker, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Knagge, Mr. Haugh (Via phone) – Mr. Kirk, Mr. Bryan

Absent: Mr. Branham

- I. **Call to Order** – Mr. Kirk at 7:15 PM

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation** – Mr. Knagge

- III. **Minutes** –
 - Motion to approve the minutes.
 - Motion by Mr. Haugh and 2nd by Mr. Fleming.
 - No one opposed
 - Motion Carried

- IV. **Persons wishing to Address the Board** – Jay Shirah, SandCo, 202 Marina Dr. St. Simons, GA 31522

- V. **Business** –
 - Request of code change for Conditional Uses under Commercial Highway to allow for Telecommunication Towers

- VI. **Discussion**
 - Mr. Williams – This is not a public hearing it's just an informational meeting so that this board can make a recommendation to do an ordinance change to the council if you so desire. Also, only the members that are present will have a vote. Those on the phone can comment and discuss but not vote. SandCo went in front of the council and the council asked them to go in front of the Zoning Board to recommend a zoning change to the council.
 - Mr. Shirah – I am here tonight to ask the board to do a code change to allow telecommunication towers as a conditional use in the Commercial Highway District. When we first started this endeavor, the town allowed towers in the Commercial Highway District. Prior to the code revisions we came to an agreement with Nassau County Farm Bureau to locate a telecommunications tower on their property. We are currently on the water tower but due to proposed modifications the water tank has some structural integrity issues that won't allow for the modifications.
 - Mr. Fleming – What is it going to look like?
 - Mr. Shirah – We are proposing a steel monopole with no guide wires.
 - Mr. Mellecker – What is wrong with where it is now?

- Mr. Shirah – There are structural issues with the water tank not necessarily for your purpose, without future modifications to the water tank it can't accommodate future operational updates to the network.
- Mr. Williams – The mounting is insufficient to be able to mount additional antennas. The concern is with the mounting. That structure was built in 1958 and the town doesn't have any drawings, the hand rails are at 130' and the top of the bowl is 140' so they are probably going to go 10 or 15 feet above that which puts them at 160'. We can not accommodate anyone else on the tower, that will not happen. Ultimately the question is do you want communication towers in Commercial Highway as a conditional use or do you not.

VII. Regular Meeting

- Motion to recommend to the Council to approve to add cell towers as a conditional use under Commercial Highway the Sheik's site plan as presented without conditions.
- Motion by Mr. Fleming and 2nd by Mr. Haugh.
- No one opposed
- Motion Carried

VIII. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Haugh and 2nd by Mr. Fleming
- No one opposed.
- Motion Carried
- Time: **7:35**


 Mr. Kirk, Zoning President


 Lorna Piipke

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