

**MINUTES**  
**VONORE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**  
**November 7, 2017**

**Members Present**

Allen Cansler, Chair  
Mike Garren, Sec.  
Bob Lovingood, Mayor  
Harold Davis  
Tom Sundstrom  
Jennifer Wiggins

**Members Absent**

**Others Present**

Ruth Viergutz Hawk, Planner  
Greg Altum, The Buzz

**Citizens Present:** Sherry Bishop, Mike Jamison, Frank Thurston, Ronald Wurstner, Greg Kuth, Jennifer Kuth, David Lockly, Mckenna Garren, Shea Ervin

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cansler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Lovingood moved to approve the minutes of June 6, 2017. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST OF INTERPRETATION OF THE VONORE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 6, SECTION 11-603. CUSTOMARY HOME OCCUPATIONS, AS TO WHETHER IN-HOME DAY CARE IS A SIMILAR USE TO THE USES EXPRESSLY ALLOWED AS HOME OCCUPATIONS (Sherry Bishop, Applicant)**

Staff distributed a copy of a letter from Ms. Bishop summarizing her request (Attached – Exhibit A). She is hoping to keep 12 children, ages newborn to 14 years old. Staff reviewed Section 11-603. Customary Home Occupations, of the Zoning Ordinance. A general discussion followed.

Commissioner Garren moved to interpret an in-home day care as a customary home occupation. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Garren moved to adjourn. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

  
Secretary

2-6-18  
Date

# Exhibit A

Dear Vonore Board of Zoning Appeals:

I am writing to request approval to obtain an in-home daycare license. The license would cover 12 children, ages newborn to 14 years old. I am currently only authorized to care for four children at this time, and I have two other caregivers helping me and so could easily expand. Both I and one other provider were previously licensed for daycare and foster care in the state of Michigan. The other person helping has a bachelor's degree in education. We are currently working with the Dept. of Children's Services to ensure we meet all operational regulations.

I have made several improvements to my property to accommodate a larger daycare center. A breezeway and two-car garage attached to my house have been renovated to include three-classrooms, one bath, a small kitchen and a common area. I also graveled a parking area in front of the entrance to eliminate any traffic congestion. I believe a larger facility would greatly benefit Vonore as it would be the only one in the area who accepts newborn to one-year old. I am also willing to accept subsidized payments for lower-income families through the Douglas Cherokee program if approved.

Thank you for your consideration,

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