Acting Chairman Brown (herein referred to as Chairman) called the regular meeting of the Butler Planning Board for January 16, 2014 to order followed by a Pledge to the Flag. Chairman noted that this meeting is being held in conformance with the Sunshine Law Requirements having been duly advertised and posted at Borough Hall.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Donnelly, Roche, Hauck, Alviene, Grygus, Finelli, Calvi, Fox, Brown

Absent: Nargiso (excused)

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

13-177V – Butler Carey Associates – Letter from Attorney John Zuni asking that this application be withdrawn

**CASES TO BE HEARD:**

13-178V J. Alex Podstawski – 31 Von Blitz Avenue

Block 88 Lot 1

**OATH GIVEN**

James Podstawski

Robert Podstawski

Mr. Podstawski stated that he is before the board for bulk variances due to the triangular shape of his property.

* The property was built approximately 1938 which pre-dates the ordinance
* Variances required are:

1. 13’ rear yard where 18.5 exists and 35’ is required
2. 29.6’ front yard, where 30.8 exists and 35’ is required
3. 65’ lot depth, where 65 exists and 125’ is required

* No available property around to purchase to correct the situation
* Description of current conditions
* Description of proposed alterations
* Behind the house is a stream which is a spillover from a lake

Mr. Darmofalski stated that the Butler Ordinance allows a prevailing setback and Von Blitz does not have a prevailing setback of 35 feet. It allows the applicant to use the prevailing setback. The ordinance under exceptions to requirements allows bay windows to encroach into the yard that include roof overhangs, bay and bow windows and steps and chimney.

Board questioned the witness on various aspects of his testimony

Public portion opened by motion

Public portion closed by motion

Motion to approve application as presented

Motion: Fox

Second: Finelli

Voted Aye: Donnelly, Roche, Hauck, Alviene, Finelli, Calvi, Fox, Brown

Voted Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 17, 2013

Motion: Fox

Second: Donnelly

Voted Aye: Donnelly, Hauck, Alviene, Finelli, Calvi, Fox, Brown

Voted Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Motion: Fox

Second: Calvi

Voted Aye: Donnelly, Roche, Hauck, Alviene, Finelli, Calvi, Fox, Brown

Voted Nay: None

The board secretary stated there is a new board member his name is Robert Drexler and hopefully we will be seeing him at the February meeting. A flyer has been put down in the DPW building to hopefully draw a Class II member

At the February 18 Council Meeting a Plaque will be presented to Bill Sulski for his years of service to the Planning/Board of Adjustment.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion: Fox

Second: Grygus

ALL AYES

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Chairman – Planning Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary – Planning Board ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_