



# FORT WAYNE BHAAJAN SOCIETY Inc.

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**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**9:00PM - 10:00M, Wednesday, Jul 2, 2025**  
**Zoom Conference Call**

Attendees:

Ajay Gupta	Abhijit Shukla
Shanmugasundaram Subramanian	Hitesh Patel
Neerja Singh	Vasant Mapara
Vikram Gupta	Krishnan Ramani

Absentees:

Harish Shah	Vasant Mapara
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Proxies:

Harish Ardeshta (S Subramanian / A Gupta)	Pallavi Merchant (N Singh / V Gupta)
Reena Thapa (A Gupta)	Jayesh Patel (A Gupta / A Shukla)

- The President called the meeting in session, and the meeting started at 9:14 PM.
- Hitesh updated the status of obtaining permits from the city and county, and additional steps that need to be addressed to get the state permit:
  - All the departments of the city reviewed and approved except for City Water and Sewer Department. Also, County Drainage Board needs to review to issue permit. Based on the review, there are outstanding items that require resolution:
    - i. County drain that runs in front of the site;
      - County is ready to vacate the drain, but neighbors are not sure of abandoning the drainage. This issue was tabled in the city council meeting. The city engineer informed the city council that he had not had a chance to look into this issue in detail though he liked the proposal, and asked for 30 days more.
    - ii. City water / City sewer
      - Due to higher costs associated in accessing city water, FWBS proposed to have well on site at the center and use city sewer lines.



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- However, the city water department insists that FWBS needs to take city water if the center uses the city sewer
- To address this, FWBS needs to submit the cost differential between having the well water and city water to demonstrate the additional financial burden and file a variance
  - Brooks Construction is willing to develop the cost and file the necessary documentation with the city at no extra cost to FWBS
- iii. These above issues would not impact the current design of Center's building
- To obtain State permit, FWBS needs to submit engineering details of the building, which means, FWBS needs to engage a metal building company to develop the required engineering details.
- i. Two metal building companies were approached: Arco and Fortify. The initial quote from Arco is \$189,796 and needs 10% - 15% of the cost as non-refundable engineering deposit, which would be applied to the cost of the building if FWBS selects Arco. The initial quote from Fortify is \$212,283 and needs 3% - 6% of the cost as non-refundable deposit, which would be applied to the cost the building of FWBS selects Fortify.
  - ii. It was emphasized that these engineering detailed drawings were needed to get the state permit.
  - iii. There were discussions whether FWBS could prepay and lock the cost of the building, but Hitesh recommended waiting till FWBS receives the state permit.
  - iv. The board requested Hitesh to contact both Arco and Fortify and explore what the best price that they could offer.
- The meeting was adjourned by the President at 10:15PM.