

**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
*September 5, 2006*

**A. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum**

Present: Mr. Donley, Mr. Huyser, and Mr. Stinson and Mr. Snyder

Absent: Mr. Bell (he recused himself from the application)

Also present was Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Mandon, Mr. Khalil, and Mr. Lyp (late)

**D. Public Hearing**

Richard Riley, the attorney for Chicago Public Radio, addressed the Board to begin a presentation. He first showed a map of all residents that had been notified of the public hearing. He also presented a binder to the chairman containing proof that letters were sent to the residents. He informed the Board that he intended to have six separate speakers make presentations throughout the night. He again stated the purpose of CPR (Chicago Public Radio). Chicago Public Radio/WBEZ is asking that Aqua-Land Communications be granted a use variance to erect a tower at the southwest quadrant of Indiana 49 and U.S. 20. They are asking for this variance so they can upgrade the signal of Chesterton-based sister station WBEW and eventually increase its 89.5 FM audience to 2 million people in northwest Indiana.

The president of CPR, Torey Malatia, addressed the Board next. He introduced that following people who were in attendance at the special meeting (all of whom are part of his station):

Ron Jones  
Daniel Ash  
Donna Moore  
Greg Selistro  
Meryl Smith

Mr. Malatia told the Board that he is interested in this tower to provide a more comprehensive station with local, regionalized information.

The next person to address the board was Mr. Joseph Davis. He is the vice president of Cavell Mertz and Davis, Inc., in Manassas, Virginia. He gave a thorough explanation as to why he recommends the proposed sight for the radio tower. He is a specialist in the field of Radio Frequency. Because of other radio frequencies to the east and west, he feels that WBEW's tower needs to be located north of Chesterton. He gave three things that he considers when looking for a sight: