

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MEETING MINUTES of July 9, 2018

Approved December 10, 2018

Called to order at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Members Present: J. Mathiesen, Chair; B. Neumann, Secretary; J. Lomastro; Fred Duerkop; J. Cestkowski. Quorum requirements satisfied.

Visitors/Participants: Michael and Ellen Wanta, Mr. and Mrs. P. Runcie, Dan Kline.

Agenda Approved: moved by Joe, supported by Fred.

Public Comment: None

Item of consideration: Variance to build a garage (permission currently denied by Building Inspector due to setback requirements).

Discussion and Presentations: Julie explained the situation to those present. Dan Kline Building Inspector, explained that for the proposed garage to be constructed an alternative request must be submitted; the garage cannot be attached to the house. Mr. Wanta wanted to know if the codes have changed significantly since he built. It was explained to him that previous Officials were not always careful how measurements were performed when granting permits.

Board Members Discussion and Questions: Dan reviewed for Board members how a revised permit request would be in compliance.

Board Member Determination and Directive: Motion by Joe supported by Fred to DENY the variance request due to non-conformation to permit requirements. Motion carried. With the changes in the permit request, the Building Inspector will issue the permit.

Old Business: ZBA bylaws consideration will tabled to a future time if and when they are needed. Motion by Fred, supported by Joe.

New Business: Training for ZBA members was discussed, by Julie, with the Township Supervisor who indicated on-line training was the appropriate means. Julie will investigate availability. Bill will attempt to get information at a late-July MTA meeting. Quarterly ZBA meeting were budgeted for the current fiscal year, and are now implemented with this meeting counting as the FIRST quarterly meeting of the year. The next quarterly meeting therefore falls in October, date to be determined. Also if there is a need for meeting at other times, that will be arranged.

Further Discussion: Dan commented that several land division processes have happened lately, handled by D. Neumann, until Dan comes up to speed. Mr. Kline was advised that he

might work with persons requesting a permit to avoid the need to request a variance. Julie said her letter dismissing the variance request will be issued before the minutes are approved, to move this project along. John asked about returning the variance request fees and was told these fees support the costs associated with holding the hearing.

Motion to adjourn by Joe, supported by Fred

Adjourned at 6:24 pm

Submitted by H. Bill Neumann, ZBA Sec'y
July 10, 2018