

ATTICA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
October 22, 2020

At a meeting of the Attica Township Zoning Board of Appeals held on the 22nd day of October 2020 at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, MI, 48412. Chairman Gierman opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. The following members were present: Kent Gierman, Elaine Thayer, Rich Lacey and Patty Clendenan. Absent: One (Fackler). Also present: Attorney Chris Stritmatter and the public per the sign in sheet attached.

Approve minutes of the September 10, 2020 ZBA meeting:

MOTION by Thayer, seconded by Clendenan, to approve the September 10, 2020 ZBA meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Fackler). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Hearing:

Chairman Gierman opened the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m. to consider the request of Matthew and Rachel Fitchett for a variance from ordinance 5.1.7.B which prevents an owner from erecting an accessory building before the issuance of a building permit for a residence. The property is located at 1945 S. Lake George Rd., (Parcel E) Attica, MI 48412.

Mr. Fitchett stated he did not realize that he couldn't bring in a shipping container for storage without a permit and before the footings were in place for his home. Mr. Fitchett stated that building the home has been delayed due to Covid-19 but they do plan on building their home in early spring or summer of 2021. Mr. Fitchett has planted a greenbelt around the storage container. There was discussion regarding the possibility of the building being too close to the road.

Chairman Gierman closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

ZBA Decision – Request by Matthew and Rachel Fitchett:

Request of Matthew and Rachel Fitchett for a variance from ordinance 5.1.7.B which prevents an owner from erecting an accessory building before the issuance of a building permit for a residence. The property is located at 1945 S. Lake George Rd., (Parcel E) Attica, MI 48412.

There was discussion.

MOTION by Clendenan, seconded by Lacey, to

grant the request of Matthew and Rachel Fitchett for a variance from ordinance 5.1.7.B which prevents an owner from erecting an accessory building before the issuance of a building permit for a residence with the following conditions:

- The accessory building meets set back requirement.
- A building permit for the home must be obtained by October 22, 2021.
- A \$500.00 surety bond must be paid (refunded once conditions are met).

The property is located at 1945 S. Lake George Rd., (Parcel E) Attica, MI 48412. A roll call vote was taken. Thayer: Nay; Gierman: Aye; Clendenan: Aye and Lacey: Aye. Ayes: Three (Gierman, Clendenan and Lacey). Nays: One (Thayer). Absent: One (Fackler). **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business before the Zoning Board of Appeals, **MOTION** by Clendenan, seconded by Thayer to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Kent Gierman, Chairman

Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary