

ATTICA TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES OF THE  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

At a meeting of the Attica Township Zoning Board of Appeals held on September 14, 2023 at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, MI, 48412. Chairman Gierman opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present: Kent Gierman, Cindy Goerlitz, Elaine Thayer and Dale Zehr. Absent: One (Patty Clendenan). Also present: The public per the sign in sheet attached.

**Approve minutes of the July 13, 2023:**

**MOTION** by Thayer, seconded by Zehr, to approve the July 13, 2023 ZBA meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Clendenan). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Hearing:**

Chairman Gierman opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. for a request by David Vasbinder for a variance from the zoning ordinance to build a garage and deck that does not meet the setbacks on a non-conforming lot in the R-1 district.

Resident Nicole McBride, 319 Parkway Drive, stated that the height of the proposed garage would impede her view of the lake.

Resident Ron Coman, 4784 Northway Drive, stated is concerned about his property value and safety for pedestrians.

After questions from the Zoning Board of Appeals, and requests for input from the public without hearing any, Chairman Gierman closed the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m.

**ZBA Decision – Request by David Vasbinder:**

Request of David Vasbinder for a variance from the zoning ordinance to build a garage and deck that does not meet the setbacks on a non-conforming lot in the R-1 district. The property is located at 4795 Northway Drive, Attica, MI 48412. (Parcel ID #44-003-300-006-00)

There was much discussion.

**MOTION** by Goerlitz, seconded by Thayer, to deny the request of David Vasbinder for a variance

from the zoning ordinance to build a garage and deck that does not meet the setbacks in the R-1 district due to the finding of fact that the requested variance will cause an adverse impact on surrounding property values, or the use and enjoyment of property in the neighborhood or zoning district. (Section 7.16.E) and unreasonably increase congestion or endanger public safety. (Section 7.16.J).

A roll call vote was taken. Zehr: Aye; Thayer: Aye; Goerlitz: Aye and Gierman: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Clendenan). **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business before the Zoning Board of Appeals, **MOTION** by Zehr, seconded by Goerlitz to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One (Clendenan). **MOTION CARRIED.**

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Kent Gierman, Chairman

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Maureen Lemons, Recording Secretary