

**THE SOMERSET TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
VARIANCE – PUBLIC HEARING
HELD OCTOBER 4, 2023**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chairman: D. Hinkelman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Members present: D. Hinkelman, M. Blucher, L. Hartzler, K. Bedard and M. Morse (Alternate). Absent Member; D. York.

Recognition of Township Officials: D. Hinkelman recognized the Zoning Board of Appeals consultant; Don Figiel, Zoning Administrator.

Approval of Amended Agenda: D. Hinkelman approved the agenda with the date change from August 24 to 21 under Approval of Minutes. All ayes; motion approved.

Approval of Minutes August 21, 2023: L. Hartzler moved to approve the minutes as written. Motion seconded by; M. Blucher. All ayes; motion approved.

Explanation of hearing process was given by; Chairman, D. Hinkelman.

Public Comments: None.

Open Public Hearing Appeal #263 12715 E. Chicago Rd @ 7:02 PM: Zoning Administrator D. Figiel advised that the Petitioner; Somerset Township, Appeal #263 would like to build an addition to the primary structure of 48'x68' to store fire department equipment and is requesting a variance to allow a 10 ft. rear setback. D. Figiel explained that the building needs to be 48' deep to accommodate a 46' foot fire truck. D. Figiel advised that there is no other area on the property to accommodate the size of the building that is needed. Zoning Board of Appeal members walked the property with D. Figiel to get a clearer picture as to where the building will be going. D. Figiel also advised that the adjacent property owner has no issues with the requested 10' setback.

Public Comments Closed @ 7:41 pm.

Discussion & Decision by Zoning Board of Appeal Members: In regards to the Finding of Fact; M. Blucher moved to approve the requested variance for Appeal # 263 as requested. Motion seconded by; K. Bedard. All ayes; motion approved.

Close Public Hearing @ 7:50 pm.

New Business

- None

Public Comments: D. Figiel advised that he had spoken with an applicant regarding an addition that had a variance approval and had been built on the wrong side of the property. He did however state that it does meet all set back requirements and does not need a variance.

Adjournment: With no further business, L. Hartzler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. Motion seconded by; K. Bedard. All ayes; motion approved.

Respectfully submitted; Kimberly S. Bedard, ZBA Secretary