

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEALS
AUGUST 27, 2019**

The Board of Appeals of Zeeland Charter Township held a Regular Meeting in the Township Hall on August 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Rich De Leau, Bruce Knoper, Russ Mudget, Dirk Pyle and Jeff Salisbury. Steve Walters. And Ben Zwagerman

Chairperson Steve Walters called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not available and consequently not approved.

Secretary Salisbury read the legal notice concerning the request of Aaron Nykamp – Cutting Edge Excavating on parcel # 70-17-15-01-400-040 for a variance from Section 8.03 A of the Zeeland Charter Township Zoning Ordinance in order to place an addition 15 feet into the required front yard setback.

Chairman Walters opened the Public Hearing and gave applicant Nykamp an opportunity to explain the variance request.

Nykamp explained that the building now is not large enough to work on gravel train trucks inside the building and that because of the fuel tanks on the east side of the building, his only option is to go on the front side. Board members asked if all options were considered because the lot dimensions were thought to be large enough to allow other options without seeking a variance. The answers given were that this was the most cost effective way to accomplish his needs.

Adjacent property owners at the meeting were Brian and Jan Koeman, Scott and Benita Koeman and Rich Nykamp .None of the adjacent owners expressed opposition.

Zwagerman made a motion 2nd by Mudget to close the public hearing. All Ayes.

Discussion by the Board centered around the fact that there were no hardships preventing enlarging the building without variances and that there were other options available to accomplish their goals

Knoper made a motion supported by DeLeau to deny the request for the reasons stated above. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mudget 2nd by Zwagerman to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Jeff Salisbury, Secretary
Don Mannes Recording Secretary