

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
MAY 22, 2012**

The Board of Appeals of Zeeland Charter Township held a Regular Meeting in the Township Hall on May 22, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Russ Mudget, Ben Zwagerman, Rich De Leau, Bruce Knoper, Dirk Pyle, Steve Walters and Tom Oonk. .

Chairperson Russ Mudget called the meeting to order.

Motion by Pyle and supported by Zwagerman to approve the April 24, 2012 minutes. Motion carried.

Secretary Oonk read the legal notice from **RANDY VAN DYKEN**, 6142 New Holland St., Zeeland, Parcel No. 70-17-02-100-014 to construct a detached accessory building 10' from the lot line. This will require a variance from Section 3.12 F of the Zeeland Charter Zoning Ordinance.

Public Hearing was opened.

Randy Van Dyken was present and explained his request. He stated that the looks of the property would be better if the building was closer to the property line

Motion was made by Pyle and supported by De Leau to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Knoper and supported by Pyle to grant the variance of allowing the building 10' from the lot line.

Reasons: 1) Fits in the neighborhood/ lot  
2) Problem created by the lay of the land.  
3) There is a drainage issue for a different location.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Oonk, Knoper, De Leau, Pyle. Nays: Mudget, Zwagerman, Walters. Motion carried.

Secretary Oonk read the legal notice from **STEVE FLOKSTRA**, 6314 Chicago Dr., Zeeland, Parcel No. 70-17-11-100-015 to construct an addition to an existing building. This will require a variance from Section 8.03A of the Zeeland Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

Public Hearing was opened.

Steve Flokstra was present and explained his request. Stated that as of now he was required to do his sandblasting inside of a building. Sandblasting is 85% of his business.

Motion by Pyle and supported by De Leau to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Walters and supported by Pyle to grant the variance maintaining 8' at the narrowest point.

Reasons:

- 1) It is a forced addition (no addition, no business)
- 2) Lay of the land is a valley between 2 hills.
- 3) Utility line at the rear of the property.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Pyle and supported by Mudget to make the request effective immediately. Motion carried.

Motion to ajourn.

Motion to adjourn. Carried.  
Recording Secretary  
Marilyn Evink