

Zeeland Charter Township Board of Appeals
June 26, 2012

The Board of appeals of Zeeland Charter Township held a Regular Meeting in the Township Hall on June 26, 2012 at 7 PM. Members present were Rich De Leau, Bruce Knoper, Russ Mudget, Tom Oonk and Ben Zwagerman. Absent: Dirk Pyle and Steve Walters.

Chairman Russ Mudget called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes of the May 22 meeting were not available for approval.

Secretary Oonk read the legal notice for the variance request of David Heyboer, 6600 Byron Road parcel# 70-17-22-200-006 for a variance from Section 3.12 E. for an accessory building of 2400 sq. ft. where the ordinance allowance is 1600 sq ft.

Chairman Mudget declared the public hearing opened.

Property owner David Heyboer presented his request with his reasons for requesting a larger building than allowed for that size of property. His reasons included:

- A. His house has no useable basement for storage.
- B. Existing old garage will be torn down.
- C. Would like to have that additional space in one building to make up for reasons A and B above for aesthetic reasons.

Neighbors present were the James Veiling family from 6595 Byron road and they spoke in favor of the variance request.

After a time of questions from the Board members, a motion was made by Knoper and supported by Zwagerman to close the public hearing. Motion carried, all ayes.

After a time of discussion by Board members, a motion was made by Knoper and supported by De Leau to deny the request for the following reason: The Board could not establish that a practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship would result by conforming with the ordinance and that the perceived problem was self created.

The results of the roll call vote to deny the request was unanimous including those by reason of absence.

A motion to adjourn by Oonk supported by Knoper was approved at 7:55 PM.

Don Mannes, Recording Secretary
Tom Oonk, Secretary