

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY
BOARD OF APPEALS
OCTOBER 24, 2024 – 6:30PM
BUFFALO CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Jerilyn Baures at 6:35pm. Meeting held as noticed. Board present Dan Arendt, Don Blank, Keith Fetting. Absent: Joe Krumrie. Citizens present: Mike Englerth and Germaine Englerth Naal. Meeting was held as noticed.

Baures presented the variance request for an 11' side yard variance from Naal to build an attached garage. Naal spoke to the board about her property. It is an odd shaped triangle property consisting of one 20'x100' parcel and another triangle closer to the river. Together they are about 50' x 100' total. She has lived on the property for 12 years and owned it for many more without a garage but is older and finds it very difficult to park her vehicle all year without a garage. She said the ice makes it very difficult for her to walk from her car to the house in the winter. She also has problems with squirrels and mice causing issues with her car.

All board members have viewed the property/and or talked to Naal. Neighbors were also notified with no response back. Bauers told the board members they should keep in mind that the City has recently added a section to the zoning ordinance that allows the Board of Appeals to consider a small lot with septic placement as a reason for hardships when considering variances. Blank said the lot is small, along with the septic being in the only spot the garage could be placed. He and Arendt both brought up the concern for safety as well. Arendt told Bauers he is concerned that the board isn't consistent when considering whether a garage is a hardship, but Bauers told him the last garage variance requested also had several other lots associated with the property that it could be built on so they really were not comparable in her opinion.

Motion Blank, second Fetting to approve an 11' side yard variance for Naal to build an attached garaged based on a safety/space hardship. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion Fetting, second Blank to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

Jenny Ehlenfeldt
Clerk/Treasurer