

Jamestown Charter Township  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
November 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Terpstra with Zomerlei opening with prayer.

Board members present: Zomerlei, Brouwer, Van Heuvelen, Terpstra. Absent without notice – Van Haitsma.

Present other than board: Kirk Sharphorn, Jr., Zoning Administrator. No others.

Motion by Zomerlei to approve the agenda, supported by Brouwer. Carried.

Motion by Brouwer to approve minutes of 9-12-17, supported by Zomerlei. Carried.

Requester, Kevin Wiersema was not present.

Sharphorn explained Wiersema request. Wiersema wants to operate his business out of a detached accessory building. He received two special use permits in 2009, one for his contractors business and the other for refuse hauler. He is looking to expand. Wiersema can add to the existing building or build a new one for the containers, parking, etc., but he would need a special use for a new building if he went that direction. His business is growing and he wants to be on the 'up and up' with the additional employees.

By ordinance, only one employee is allowed.

Zomerlei questioned the ordinance on home occupation...no more than 500 sq. ft. allowed on a detached garage.

Deliberation by board followed with issues:

- 1- That this was a self-created situation
- 2- On the original special use it was stipulated that no more than .5 acre could be used for containers/refuse business
- 3- Variance goes with property

Deliberations were closed.

Motion by Van Heuvelen to deny the request, seconded by Zomerlei. Motion carried unanimously as it did not meet any of the five criteria needed for approval under Section 22.8:

- a. Would not cause unnecessary hardship/deprive owners of rights with strict enforcement

- b. No conditions/circumstances unique to property
- c. Conditions/circumstances were created by owner
- d. Requested variance will grant special privileges denied other properties
- e. Requested variance will be contrary to spirit/intent of ordinance.

Motion to adjourn by Zomerlei, seconded by Brouwer. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie Oosterink, Recording Sec.  
Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman