

Hopkins Township Zoning Board of Appeals
Quarterly meeting
November 8, 2011
7:30 p.m. Hopkins Township/Village Hall

7:33 Meeting Called to Order.

Present: Tom Macarthur, Bruce Modreske, Lori Castello, Bob Modreske, Cal Tuinstra.
+Kirk Scharphorn, Zoning Administrator, Bob and Jane Arendson, Brad Baskerville

Public Hearing:

7:30 p.m. to consider a petition from Jane Arendsen, parcel number 03-10-026-029-10, commonly known as 2636 14th Street, for a variance for front yard setback relief for the purpose of demolishing an existing structure and constructing a new dwelling.

Mr. and Mrs. Arendson explained their petition. They would like to demolish the existing single wide trailer and its defunct foundation. The foundation is not in any condition to be saved and must also be demolished. The trailer has been abandoned for many years. The Arendsons would like to remove what they consider an eyesore. The variance would allow them the opportunity to rebuild within distance of the current well and septic which are in working condition. Because the current dwelling is no longer conforming, a variance will be required to rebuild.

Public Comment: Brad Baskerville, 1343 126th Ave. wants the trailer cleaned up and removed. He approves of allowing a dwelling to be built in the same position.

Bruce Modreske moved to grant the variance with the following stipulations:

- Center of new home must be located within 75 feet of center of existing dwelling.
- Demolition of existing dwelling and foundation and reclamation of footprint within twelve months of this date will be considered an action to verify variance.

Motion seconded by Cal Tuinstra.

All in favor, Variance Granted unanimously.

2011 attendance was discussed and verified.

2012 meetings will be held on the second Tuesday as follows:

February 14, 2012

May 8, 2012

August 14, 2012

November 13, 2012

Motion by Bruce Modreske to adjourn at 8:15. Second by Castello. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Castello.