

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Clements called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – PRESENT: Bieri, Clements, Jones, Thompson

ABSENT: Forde

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 29, 2020: Motion by Bieri, seconded by Thompson to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

VARIANCE APPLICATION: John Rizqallah of 13322 Grand River Dr requests a variance of the 25 ft setback for side yard out buildings to a 5 ft setback. John gave all his reasons for asking for the variance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The meeting was opened to public comment at 7:40pm. Stanley Galbreath, of 2301 Lowell View Ave, spoke in favor of the variance. Motion by Bieri, seconded by Thompson to close public comment. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF VARIANCE REQUEST: R-1 does not have an ordinance to regulate side yard setback for out buildings. Motion by Bieri, seconded by Thompson that because the ordinance does not specify out buildings for setbacks therefore no variance is needed or can be granted.

Roll call vote: Bieri– Yes, Clements– Yes, Jones– Yes. Thompson- Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairperson Clements asked for public comments – None were offered.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Motion by Jones, seconded by Clements to request that the Planning Commission address the R-1 and R-3 side yard setbacks for out buildings to clarify the ordinances. Motion carried.

Water and sewer plans were also discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bieri, seconded by Jones to adjourn at 8:25pm. Motion carried.

Submitted: _____

Secretary Ray Jones

Date Approved: _____