

**BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2019 –  
7PM BUFFALO CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Jerilyn Baures. Meeting held as noticed.  
Board present: Ted Mack, Ron Schutz and Roger Loretz. Citizens present: Victoria Mendez, Harold Olson, Barry Auer, Russell and Linda Lorenz.

Baures presented the Lorenz variance request for a 12' side yard variance to build an addition to a current residence. Lorenz explained that he got the permit in June and started the work without realizing there was a problem. The permit was erroneously issued based on a permit issued in 2001 for an addition with the same side yard setback. That permit seems to not have been issued without consideration to the setback. Once the City was made aware of the issue, Lorenz was given the chance to get a variance like he would have been before the project started. All board members have viewed the property. Bauers said she toured the property with the Lorenz's and was shown the new addition. Lorenz said he is building it to make easier access out their bedroom due to medical concerns and access if needed in the future by ambulance. In 2001 he built the 10x12 addition. This addition will be 8x12 and be the same distance from the side yard line. Mendez said she lives behind the Lorenz property and feels they already have enough buildings and things that she questioned. Mack told Mendez her questions were not things the Board of Appeals is here to address. They are only here to address building variance requests. The new addition has no problem meeting the back yard setback that is nearest to Mendez' property. Bauers said she felt the Lorenz property did need a back entrance for safety and could see the hardship. No other neighbors responded to communication from the clerk. Motion Schutz, second Loretz to approve the 12' side yard variance request. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried.

Bauers presented the Auer variance request to build a shed in an agricultural zone closer than 200' to River Road. Auer said he is replacing a shed that collapsed in the winter of 2019. The shed will sit 165' from the road behind a barn that is already currently closer. The board was made aware that the City Council will be reviewing the ordinance, but due to the restrictions, they are not allowed to approve a permit that does not meet the stipulation set in the agriculture zoning ordinance. All members have viewed the property. Clerk received no communication from the neighbors. Motion Loretz, second Mack to approve the 40' road setback variance for an agricultural building. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Schutz, second Mack to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

Submitted for the Board of Appeals:  
Jenny Ehlenfeldt  
Clerk/Treasurer