

**BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, JANUAR 23, 2020 –
7PM BUFFALO CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Jerilyn Baures. Meeting held as noticed.
Board present: Ron Schutz, Donnie Blank, Keith Fetting and Roger Loretz. Citizens present: Kim and Krist Beseler.

Baures presented the Beseler variance request for a 7' front yard variance and a 2' height variance to build a detached garage. All members have viewed the property. Beseler explained he would like to build an 80'x 32' detached garage on the lots adjacent to his home that he recently purchased. He would like to set the garage off of 4th Street the same distance that his house currently sits so that they line up. There are other houses closer to the street on 4th. Bauers noted that it is not a corner lot. Beseler said looking to future he may also need space behind garage if a new septic is needed ever. The 2' height variance is to meet the same pitch as the existing house. Will raise the lots up to get the new garage at the same height as the existing garage. The height will still be lower than the existing house height. Loretz said projects like this are good for the city tax base. Beseler said he realizes it's big, but he'd rather build once and be done and not running out of space in the future. Garage will be sided to match the existing house and garage. Fetting said he spoke to the contractor working on the current house roof today. Looking at the size of the building the height is required to make the building work and it isn't that much taller than what is allowed. Blank questioned why the height requirement is still as low as 15' – modern building has changed. City should reconsider.

Bauers read one letter from a neighboring property owner, Ace Haney, discussing when the board will draw the line and allowing variances. Why the City code isn't followed. Board consensus this letter isn't about Beseler. He hasn't addressed any reasons Beseler's project would be a detriment to neighboring property owners.

Clerk received calls from neighboring property owners, Konters and Burmeisters. Both were agreeable with the project.

Motion Schutz second Blank to approve the 7' front yard variance and 2' height variance for Krist Beseler to build a detached garage. All yes, motion carried.

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

Submitted for the Board of Appeals:

Jenny Ehlenfeldt
Clerk/Treasurer