

**BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021 –
6:30PM BUFFALO CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Jerilyn Baures. Meeting held as noticed.
Board present: Donnie Blank, Ron Schutz, Ted Mack and Keith Fetting. Citizens present:
Joy Christner, Heidi & Gary Meldahl and Michael Brenden.

Baures presented Christner's request for a 25' front yard variance to build an attached garage. The Christners currently have a garage sitting closer to 4th Street but would like to extend the garage and attach it to the house to be more feasible for Mr. Christner who is a 100% disabled veteran. Due to the small size of their lot and the placement of the septic system directly behind the garage it can not be moved back to meet the setback. All board members have viewed the property. Clerk received communication from one neighbor who said they had no objection to the plan. Blank noted that the garage is no where near the intersection so that is not a factor. Motion Schutz, second Blank to approve the variance. All yes, motion carried.

Baures presented the Meldahls' request for a 17' front yard variance to build a three-season porch. Mr. Meldahl said they would like to extend their current deck and turn it into a three-season room. All board members have viewed the property. Neighbor Michael Brenden told the board he objects to the variance based on the fact he feels it will decrease his view of the river. The board, Brenden and the Meldahls viewed a large photo Brenden brought to show what he said was his current view of the river from his property on First Street. Board members questioned how much of the view would actually be affected. Several board members explained to Brenden that if the Meldahls decide to build off the front of their house now that they own the small piece in front, that could affect his view more and there would be no reason that permit would be denied. Brenden did not agree. Clerk received communication from the neighbor directly across the street from the Meldahls who has no objection to the plan. Board discussed having one neighbor for and one against. Motion Mack, second Blank to deny the variance request unless Mr. Brenden would withdrawl his objection. Discussion with Meldahls and Brenden followed. Roll call vote: Fetting – yes, Blank – yes, Mack – yes; Schutz – no. Motion caried 3-1 and variance was denied.

Motion Schutz, second Fetting to adjourn the meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Submitted for the Board of Appeals:

Jenny Ehlenfeldt
Clerk/Treasurer