

Codington County/City of Watertown  
Joint Planning Commission/Joint Board of Adjustment Minutes  
October 10, 2019

The Codington County/City of Watertown Joint Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment met in special session on October 10, 2019 at the Council Chambers in the Watertown City Hall. Members of the Joint Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment present were: Mark Stein, Brenda Hanten, Blake Dahle, Mark O'Neill, Bob Fox, and Luke Muller (Planner at First District Association of Local Governments/ Codington County Zoning Officer).

Bob Fox brought the meeting of the Joint Board of Adjustment to order at 4:06 pm.

Motion by Hanten, second by O'Neill, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Having held a public hearing and been postponed to this date for the purpose of receiving input from Lake Township regarding the request; the motion by Hanten to approve a setback variance request for Justin Pietz to utilize existing concrete pads and construct two structures on each of them, 47' from the West side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW on his property located in E776.8' of S699' of SE1/4, Section 28-T117N-R53W was back before the Board. Muller reported that the Lake Township provided a letter indicating that the specific circumstances surrounding this request allowed Lake Township to "not object" to the variance as proposed, provided Mr. Pietz assume all maintenance of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue adjacent to his property. Motion by Hanten, second by Dahle, add a condition that the owner of the above property assume all maintenance of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue adjacent to his property as a condition of this variance. Amendment passed unanimously. Vote was held on the main motion, as amended. Motion passed unanimously to approve the above request on the basis of findings discussed at the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting

Motion by Dahle, second by Stein, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Luke Muller

Hi Luke,

Blaine Martian, Jon Hegge, and I met with Justin Pietz at 6:50 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2019 to visualize the requested variance. There is a definite concern by the Lake Township Board that the requested location of the buildings could cause snow drift issues across 3rd Ave. However, based on the plans for annexation by the city of Watertown, Lake township will not object to the proposed variance provided that it be noted as part of the approval that Lake Township will not be responsible for any snow removal on 3rd Ave. west of 42nd Street in the future.

Thank you,  
Val Jaspers  
Lake Township Supervisor

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 23, 2019, at 2:15 PM, Luke Muller <[luke@1stdistrict.org](mailto:luke@1stdistrict.org)> wrote:

Val,

I am sending these as individual picture files (including the maps) rather than as one file. I'll ask the Board if they would be ok getting together at the City's house in 2 weeks to speed this up (if you get a chance to meet.) (The new buildings would go over the campers you see in the attached pictures. The best view is my aerial slide with the pads poured.

Call, email, or send something written following your meeting. Obviously, I can't guarantee the Board will go with the recommendation to wait until your Board gives a formal recommendation, but I would be surprised if they do not.