

PORT EDWARDS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Minutes of meeting held on May 21, 2025

Called to order 4:04 p.m.

Attendance: Chair Leo Thomasgard, Members Gerald Blum, Lisa Miller, Rob O'Connor and Bruce Diggles (Alternate for Steve Vechinski)

Absent: None

Also Present: Ben Martinson – Public Works Supervisor/Administrator, Diane Tremmel – Clerk-Treasurer

Citizens: Josiah and Veronica Mertes (Petitioners)

Purpose: To request a variance of Chapter 17.08(3) to allow the setback requirement to be 0 feet rather than 25 feet for purposes of constructing a two-stall garage.

Chair Thomasgard read the purpose and duties of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Clerk Tremmel, Village Clerk/Secretary to the Board, read the request submitted by the petitioners.

Ben Martinson stated that he helped the petitioners find the property lines and pointed out the location of the setbacks. He also stated that the storm sewer line runs on the north side of the easement area and that the Village does not remove snow from the easement area. This unopened area of street will likely never be improved but is a necessary right-of-way for the existing storm sewer.

Chair Thomasgard stated that for an area variance request to be granted, three legal criteria need to be met: unnecessary hardship, unique property limitation and no harm to public interest. He also stated that variances do not set precedence. Each request is unique and individual.

Chair Thomasgard presented that the variance be granted.
Variance granted per unanimous vote of the members.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Diane M. Tremmel (Secretary)
Village Clerk-Treasurer