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## MINUTES BOARD OF APPEALS VARIANCE REQUEST BY WILLIAM & SUSAN HUMPHREY

## NOTICE TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN BOARD OF APPEALS VARIANCE REQUEST BY WILLIAM & SUSAN HUMPHREY

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that the Board of Appeals of the Town of St. Germain will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the St. Germain Community Center pursuant to Section 1.608(b) of the Town of St. Germain Zoning Ordinance, to consider a request from William & Susan Humphrey for a variance. The request is to build a garage within 5 feet of the side yard lot line at their property at 7901 Birchwood Drive, Tax ID 24-1335, Sec. 27 T40N R8E.

### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Thomas E. Martens, Certifies as follows: (1) that he is the Clerk of the Town of St. Germain, (2) that this notice was published in the Vilas County News Review on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017 and on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017, and (3) notices were posted in three public places, the St. Germain Community Center, St. Germain Post Office and St. Germain Sentry Foods on June 28, 2017, and (4) that property owners within 300 feet of the Humphrey property were sent a notice by first class mail on July 5, 2017.

Dated this 5th day of July 2017.

Thomas E. Martens  
Town Clerk

**Board of Appeals Members present:** John Vojta, Tom Christensen, Doug Olson, Jon Strom, Nancy Miller, Tom Martens, town clerk. Also present were Ted Ritter, William & Susan Humphrey, Marion Janssen and Wally Geist.

Mr. Vojta called the Board of Appeals to order at 6:00 P.M. Mr. Vojta explained that the Board of Appeals was made up of three members of the town board and two members of the public who had been appointed by the town board.

Motion Christensen seconded Swenson that Tom Martens be appointed secretary of the Board of Appeals. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion carried.

Motion Vojta seconded Olson that Tom Christensen be appointed vice chairman of the Board of Appeals in the absence of the chairman. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion carried

**William Humphrey:** Mr. Humphrey handed out a map showing the location of his present garage and the new proposed garage. He explained that the new garage would be within 5 feet of State land on the one corner and within 7 feet on the other corner on the west side of his property. There is no other place to put the garage since the property slopes down towards Little St. Germain Lake and would require a prohibitive amount of fill.

Mr. Vojta opened the floor to questions.

**Ted Ritter:** Mr. Ritter added that the St. Germain Zoning Administrator had denied Mr. Humphrey’s request for a zoning permit since the new garage would not be the required 15 feet from the side lot line. Mr. Ritter called the variance request a hardship.

**Tom Christensen:** Mr. Christensen thought that even though Mr. Humphrey had the property surveyed and that the ribbons had been placed in the trees, maybe the surveyor should come back and positively mark where the lot line is on the ground.

**John Vojta:** Mr. Vojta thought that it was up to the property owner to make sure that he has met the requirements of the variance and remained at least five feet from the lot line.

**Nancy Miller:** Ms. Miller stated that she had gone out to view the property and that the new garage wouldn’t be visible from Birchwood Drive.

**Doug Olson:** Mr. Olson stated that he agreed with the variance request as long as the new garage was at least five feet from the lot line.

Motion Christensen seconded Olson to approve the variance application petition dated June 1, 2017 by William & Susan Humphrey. By a roll call vote: Mr. Olson – yes; Ms. Miller – yes; Mr. Strom – yes; Mr. Christensen – yes; Mr. Vojta – yes. Motion carried.

The clerk is to notify the DNR district office in Rhinelander and Tim Ebert Zoning Administrator.

Motion Christensen seconded Strom that the Board of Appeals be adjourned. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:17 P.M.

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