

**CITY OF HASTINGS**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
August 18, 2026

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1. Call to Order: Vice-Chair Buehl Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 PM

2. Roll Call -- Members Present: Baker, Buehl, Dickinson, Furrow, Mattson  
Members Absent: None  
Alternates Present: Anger, Hook  
Alternates Absent: None  
Staff Present: King and Tossava

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda.

Motion by Baker, second by Dickinson, to approve the agenda as presented.

All Ayes: Motion Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes – September 19, 2023, Meeting.

Motion by Furrow, second by Baker, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023, ZBA Meeting.

All ayes.

Motion Carried.

6. Public Hearings:

A. Public hearing to hear comment and make a determination on a variance request from William and Rita Ferguson of 327 E. State Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058 that if granted would allow the construction of a detached accessory building with a front setback of 10-feet which is less than the required 25-foot setback.

King introduced the variance request and reminded the members of the standards of approval in Section 90-87(a) (1-6).

William Ferguson explained the nature of the variance request and verbally explained items 1 through 3 as outlined in the Zoning Board of Appeals application.

Vice-Chair Buehl opened the public hearing at 7:13 PM

Yvette Peterman of 323 E. State Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058 raised concerns regarding the structural integrity of the retaining wall/bank to the north of the subject property.

Peterman also inquired if the construction work, pending approval of the variance request would be completed by a licensed contractor.

Peterman also raised concerns regarding the length of time the subject property owner has taken in rehabilitating the subject property and whether, subject to approval of the variance request, the construction of a detached accessory building would take an extended period.

Vice-Chair Buehl closed the public hearing at 7:20 PM

Furrow asked if the construction of a detached accessory building would require issuance of a building permit by Professional Code Inspections. King replied in the affirmative.

Buehl solicited discussion from the board regarding the variance request.

Motion by Buehl, second by Furrow to approve the variance request finding that all six standards in Section 90-87(a) were satisfactorily met.

All ayes, motion carried.

7. Old Business: None
8. New Business: Election of Officers

The board discussed the current slate of officers.

Motion by Baker, second by Furrow to nominate Buehl as Chair,

Mattson and Vice Chair, and Furrow as Secretary.

All ayes, motion carried.

9. Public Comments: None

10. Board Comments: None

11. Adjournment:

Motion by Furrow, second by Dickinson to adjourn the meeting.

All ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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Jeff Buehl Chair

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Recording Secretary - King