# VILLAGE OF Linsdale Est. 1873

### **MEETING AGENDA**

Due to the ongoing public health emergency, and based on the authority provided by Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor Pritzker on March 16, 2020, as most recently extended by Executive Order 2020-33, dated April 30, 2020, and Executive Order 2020-32, issued by Governor Pritzker on April 30, 2020, limiting public gatherings and suspending the Open Meetings Act physical presence requirement, this meeting will be conducted electronically. The meeting will still be broadcast live on Channel 6 and the Village website.

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### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2020 6:30 P.M.

This meeting will be conducted electronically. A live audio stream of the meeting will be available to the public via Channel 6 or on the Village website

(Tentative and Subject to Change)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a) Meeting of July 15, 2020
  - b) Special Meeting of July 23, 2020
- 4. APPROVAL OF FINAL DECISIONS- None
- 5. RECEIPT OF APPEARANCES None
- 6. RECEIPT OF REQUESTS, MOTIONS, PLEADINGS, OR REQUESTS TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT OF A GENERAL NATURE
- 7. PRE-HEARING AND AGENDA SETTING
  - a) V-05-20, 448 East Fourth Street



### **MEETING AGENDA**

### 8. PUBLIC HEARING

- a) V-03-20, 329 East Sixth Street (This matter has been continued at the request of the applicant.)
- 9. NEW BUSINESS
- 10. OLD BUSINESS
- 11. ADJOURNMENT

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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES OF THE MEETING July 15, 2020

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals (conducted electronically via Zoom) was called to order by Chairman Bob Neiman on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 6:31 p.m., roll call was taken.

Chairman Neiman read the following statement:

Due to the ongoing public health emergency, and based on the authority provided by Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor Pritzker on March 16, 2020, as most recently extended by Executive Order 2020-33, dated April 30, 2020, and Executive Order 2020-32, issued by Governor Pritzker on April 30, 2020, limiting public gatherings and suspending the Open Meetings Act physical presence requirement, this meeting will be conducted electronically. The meeting will still be broadcast live on Channel 6 and the Village website.

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### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present by telephone:** Members Gary Moberly, Joseph Alesia, Keith Giltner, Tom Murphy (arr. 6:49) Leslie Lee, John Podliska, and Chairman Bob Neiman

Absent: None

**Also Present:** Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Meeting of June 17, 2020

Following changes to the draft minutes, Member Podliska moved to approve the draft minutes of June 17, 2020, as amended. Member Giltner seconded the motion.

AYES: Members Moberly, Alesia Giltner, Lee, Podliska and Chairman Neiman

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

**ABSENT:** Member Murphy

Motion carried.

### 4. APPROVAL OF FINAL DECISIONS - None

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5. RECEIPT OF APPEARANCES – The court reporter administered the oath to all persons intending to speak during the public hearings

6. RECEIPT OF REQUESTS, MOTIONS, PLEADINGS, OR REQUESTS TO MAKE **PUBLIC COMMENT OF A GENERAL NATURE - None** 

7. PRE-HEARING AND AGENDA SETTING - None

### 8. PUBLIC HEARING

a) V-04-20, 318 South Garfield Street (A transcript of the following proceedings is on file with the Village Clerk.)

Mr. Thomas Prame, property owner and applicant, addressed the Board. Chairman Neiman asked him to summarize his request, and explain why he meets the applicable standards for approval. Mr. Prame stated the request is for a modest extension to the existing kitchen into what was a four season's room that collapsed last fall into itself. The foundation was gone. architect recommended extending the home 8' feet to square off the building, which would address his water issues. He noted there is no foundation under the southwest side of the kitchen either. He explained there would be no change to the appearance or the architecture of the home, and there would be no visual impact to his neighbors. This addition results in a 96' foot increase in the floor area ratio (FAR) of the home. The footprint is the same as the porch that was there, but because this area will now be enclosed, it increases the FAR. He noted that there were no negative comments from his neighbors; in fact, they were supportive of his request.

Regarding the standards for variation, Mr. Prame stated the following:

Unique physical condition: The home was constructed in the 1920's, and was not designed to drain water away from the home. Water collects in the corner of the home as a result, and a new home next door causes more water to collect. The solution is to extend the roofline to get water away from the corner and foundation.

Not Self-created: This water/foundation issue is not a result of their renovations to the home, but was inherited with the purchase of the property.

Denied Substantial Rights: This relates only to the longevity and safety of the home. It adds no monetary value to the home; he just wants it to last another 100 years.

Not Merely Special Privilege: This is only to ensure the safety and soundness of the structure.

Code and Plan Purposes: This property is his primary home and personal residence, and as such is not detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the civic enjoyment of surrounding properties. This proposed change is located at the back corner of their home. It cannot be seen from the street, nor does it impose restrictions to the neighbor's property. There is no impact to light and air or increase in parking congestion. There is no increased danger of flood or

 fire, or burden to public utilities or danger to public health or safety.

No Other Remedy: He believes this to be the only long-term remedy.

Chairman Neiman asked if Board had any questions. Member Alesia asked what would happen to the water now that it will not collect at the corner of his property. Are their plans to protect the neighbors? Mr. Prame said the water runs well between his property and 320 S. Garfield. The new roof will direct water to the existing drainage between the two properties. Following a question from Member Podliska, Mr. Prame confirmed that the lot was subdivided around 1972, long before they bought the property in 2014. Chairman Neiman confirmed that the FAR increase is indirectly related to the sale of the land, and the subsequent subdivision. There were no more questions or comments from the Board.

Member Podliska moved to close the public hearing for V-04-20, 318 South Garfield Street. Member Moberly seconded the motion.

AYES: Members Moberly Alesia, Giltner, Murphy, Lee, Podliska and Chairman

Neiman

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

### DELIBERATIONS

Member Podliska began deliberations stating this is a large house and this request is only a 96' square foot increase. The house is already in excess of the allowable FAR and maximum lot coverage; however, it was the subdivision of the property that made the numbers in excess. On the original lot, this would not have been an issue. Therefore, he concluded that if Mr. Prame was the owner at the time of the subdivision, the problem would be self-created, but Mr. Prame purchased the house long after the subdivision. For that reason, he thinks it is appropriate to recommend approval. Additionally, Member Moberly pointed out that the code was not the same in the 1970's. All other members agreed with the rationale presented by Member Podliska.

Member Podliska moved to approve a recommendation for approval to the Village Board of Trustees in the matter known as V-04-20, 318 South Garfield Street. Member Moberly seconded the motion.

42 AYES: Members Moberly Alesia, Giltner, Murphy, Lee, Podliska and Chairman

**Neiman** 

44 NAYS: None45 ABSTAIN: None46 ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

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 b) V-03-20, 329 East Sixth Street (A transcript of the following proceedings is on file with the Village Clerk.)

Chairman Neiman opened the public hearing. Mr. Michael Abraham, architect for the project, summarized the variation request stating they want to move a 110-year-old carriage house off the neighbor's property to the north and add a concrete foundation. They are asking for a variation for height, as the existing historic structure exceeds allowable height, and 12' square feet of lot coverage relief, which is the square footage that is currently on the neighbor's property. As stated in their application, they are currently 3,400' square feet over on lot coverage with the house and driveway as is. The proposed exterior stairway and the carriage house are fully within allowable setbacks, and no setback relief is required.

Ms. Jen Reenan stated they received the online material, and noted a letter from the Lauerman's attorney that, according to the ZBA rules, was submitted They felt they have had productive and lengthy discussions with the Lauerman's, however, Mr. Lauerman's first concern was light, and then it was water, now it is the staircase. They have tried to find solutions, at considerable cost. With regard to the proposed exterior staircase, she believes Mr. Klein has incorrectly applied the code section. The staircase is within the buildable space. In fact, they could build an outside staircase on the existing building. She does not think it should be a concern of the ZBA. She made note of the National Landmark status of the building. Further, if they want to use the property for something, it is not the Lauerman's concern; it will not be habitable space. Under no circumstances will they pour a foundation on the Dugan's property. They only want a safe and secure structure, with a code compliant foundation on their property. The alternative is to tear it down and rebuild in the proposed location, which is a less costly alternative. The foundation needs to be on their property, and not crossing the Dugan's property line.

Regarding the standards for variation with respect to height, Mrs. Reenan presented the following:

<u>Unique Physical Condition</u>: The building cannot be restored in the current location as it straddles the lot line of the adjacent property. The north side of the building cannot be maintained without asking the neighbor for access, as there is a pre-existing fence. Moving the structure will provide more direct access to the utility lines. This home is an historic pre-code structure, one of 48 properties on the National Register for Historic Places in DuPage County. They could lose this designation if they have to tear down the coach house.

Not Self-created: This building was constructed 120 years ago, well prior to their ownership. She stated a change in use is not relevant to their request. The 4.7' feet excess height encompasses the hip roof and the cupola.

<u>Denied Substantial Rights:</u> They would be denied the right to improve and save their historic carriage house by preserving its height, and to move the structure onto their property within the allowable setbacks. They would also be denied the right to use their property in the same way others enjoy their secondary structures.

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46 47 <u>Not Merely Special Privilege:</u> By virtue of this request, they are only asking for the right to move the building onto their property, to secure, maintain and utilize the building safely.

<u>Code and Plan Purposes:</u> They want to use the upper level for storage and personal family space, not for habitation. They may want more space and privacy, but the property lines are what they are mainly addressing.

<u>Essential Character of the Area:</u> The proposed project will enhance the character of the area, and will not cause injury to the Lauermans.

<u>No Other Remedy</u>: Restoring the garage in the current location is not feasible, as it is not on their property. The staircase and the use of the space is not a subject for the ZBA to consider.

Chairman Neiman asked if any Board members had any questions relative to the height request. Member Podliska asked about the cupola, relative to the 15' foot permitted roof height. It was explained that the cupola is not included in the height of the roof calculation, and that the roof is 4.7' feet higher than allowed without the cupola. Member Moberly understands the Reenan's desire to move the structure onto their property, but wondered why not move it 2-3' feet south, as opposed to west toward the Lauerman's. Mr. Reenan said they would have to move the garage a minimum of 4' feet south in order to accommodate the existing porte cochere, and provide a comfortable turning radius for today's vehicles. He mentioned that he takes issue with the assertion regarding the loss of light. He said if you look at the project as a whole, the light has been increased as they have removed a significant tree already, and will remove two more if the variations are approved. He thinks that is a fair compromise for both parties, and noted that his last conversation with Mr. Lauerman indicated that they were in agreement on light, privacy and drainage. Chairman Neiman asked why not install an internal staircase. Mr. Reenan said their contractor and architects have said that it would take up too much space, reducing their 3-car garage to a 2-car garage, and lost space upstairs. Abraham added that the exterior staircase creates an additional buffer. because without it they could move the house farther west. Mr. Reenan said a variation is not required for the staircase, and they did not think it would be an issue, because it is allowed. Member Podliska asked if the maximum accessory coverage includes the staircase. Mr. Joel Rafferty said no because it has no roof, it is an external uncovered stair. Member Moberly said the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) looked at this matter, and he wondered how they felt about the stairs, and does it destroy an historic element of the structure. Mr. Jim Prisby, representing the HPC, said they had zero issue with stairs. Chairman Neiman asked that Mr. Prisby hold his comments until the Reenan's are finished with their presentation.

Mrs. Reenan said they have had an historic consultant since the beginning of the project, who reviewed the plans, and has advised the staircase cannot be on the south or east side because of the streetscape. The consultant was supportive of the stairs on the west side. Mr. Reenan believes everything has been done with historical preservation in mind, and the stairs will be attractive, and an improvement over the Lauerman's current view. Member Alesia asked

 what the current access to the upper level is. Mrs. Reenan explained there is a trap door in the ceiling, and a pull down ladder. Currently, it is a three-car garage. Member Alesia confirmed they would lose a garage space with an internal staircase. Member Murphy asked Mr. McGinnis if it is accurate that the garage could be moved, and the staircase could be added later by right. Mr. McGinnis said the request before the ZBA includes plans for the staircase, if the construction varied from the plans, it would be flagged and have to go back to the ZBA. Mr. Abraham said the stairs do not need a variation. Mr. Reenan said they could have applied without the staircase, and then would not have had to go back to the ZBA for the staircase because it would not be necessary. The staircase does not increase the height or the building coverage. Mr. McGinnis confirmed that if the drawings had not originally included the stairwell, they could have installed the staircase without a variation. Member Murphy feels this speaks to how concerned the ZBA should be with the stairs. There were no further questions from the Board regarding the height.

With respect to the maximum building coverage, Mr. Abraham said the responses are the same as those included in the record. They are requesting an increase in square footage by approximately 1%. Mrs. Reenan said this is 12' square feet, the additional surface that is on the Dugan's property. The staircase does not increase the building overage, nor encroach in any side or rear yard.

The Board had no further questions about this maximum building coverage request.

Mr. and Mrs. Lauerman, addressed the Board, stating they would give some of their time to their attorney, Mr. Matthew Klein. Mr. Klein acknowledged that there has been a lot of agreement between the Reenan's and the Lauerman's on this project, and acknowledged the merits of the Reenan's restoration of their home. With respect to the garage, it is very large and tall, and he made the case that the addition of an exterior staircase and second floor balcony create an even more imposing structure for the Lauerman's. At the increased elevation, these elements are higher than they would be on a conforming garage. He disagrees with the Reenan's architect that the staircase and balcony create a buffer, but rather increase the impact. He also believes the code would require the staircase to be on the east side of the garage, if it were permissible at all. The Lauerman's do not object to the continuation of the existing building, or the relocation of the structure. They object to the additional elements that further reduce the distance from their home and structure.

In terms of the approving standards, the hardship is the underlying element, and there is justification for replacing the foundation, and their property rights would include replacing it in its current location, but when there is an imposition to the neighbors, he contends more hardship should be shown. They do not have an obvious right to further use of the second floor, because the structure is non-conforming. They are asking for discretion to use it to a greater extent than a conforming garage. There is no denial of right or special privilege, as the garage can be reconstructed in the current location. The historic nature of

 this project does not justify the imposition on neighbors. Further, there are reasons for height limits on accessory structures, and added the additional elements to the building are not within the primary elements of the code, and plan and purposes of the code.

With respect to the loss of a parking bay to move the stairway inside, modern life allows exceptions to get people to a two-car garage, but a three-car is not an absolute or legal necessity. The alternatives are to rebuild in the current location, relocate with an interior staircase, or relocate with a three-car space and the existing access to the second floor. This two-story structure is larger than many houses in Hinsdale. The negative effect on the Lauermans cannot justify the suggested hardships on the Reenans.

Mrs. Lauerman stated hers was a personal statement, thanking her attorney and the Board, and saying they stand by their conclusion they will bear the hardship of this project. She said the building has always been used as a barn or garage, it is not a coach house, and has never been used for recreation. This is not an historic preservation project, but a rebuild wrapped in an historic preservation package that seeks special consideration to the detriment of the neighbors. She clarified that they have never 'ranked' their concerns about light, water and the stairs; they are a package deal. They have tried to focus on each, one at a time, addressed in order of the application. She reiterated their objections to the height and size of the building, as well as the location that will be three feet closer to them. The addition of a 15-foot high staircase and a 9-foot balcony creates more bulk. The Reenan's will not see people going up and down the stairs, but they will. She said they appreciate the Reenan's kind offer to help with water mitigation, but reiterated the problem with the loss of light. The staircase causes a loss of privacy and security and reduces the enjoyment of their property. In addition, there could be a potentially negative impact on the value of their home.

Member Giltner asked for clarification regarding the Reenan's proposed landscaping. Mr. Reenan explained they proposed adding an arborvitae screen all the way up to the balcony and privacy fencing, providing a green view, and completely masking the staircase. They intend to remove the two existing spruce trees at a cost of \$12,000 that will improve the light at the front of their house. Mr. Dave Knecht, builder, explained that removing the trees and moving the building still provides a net gain in of sunlight to the Lauerman's east elevation. Mr. Reenan said the cost of all the compromises for the Lauerman's total \$75,000; they tried to find other practical solutions, but since there weren't any, they were willing to spend the money. Mr. Lauerman said removal of trees on the front is good, but is offset by moving the garage south, with a staircase, that will be right in their face. It is a generous offer, but not the solution.

Member Podliska asked a question regarding the height of the balcony. Mr. Abraham said the ceiling height of the first floor is 10' feet, and the balcony would be at about 11' feet, not the 15' feet Lauerman's are suggesting.

Chairman Neiman suggested that a 9' foot landing or balcony lends itself to sitting outside, and asked the Lauerman's how much of their concern relates to the staircase as opposed to the size of the landing. Mr. Lauerman said he asked the Reenans about using the balcony for sitting, but they said that would

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not happen. He said their issue is with the stairway, and the comings and goings of people. Mrs. Lauerman said with respect to the balcony, there is no assurance that it will not be used for sitting, and she reiterated her concern about their privacy.

Chairman Neiman asked why the balcony or landing needs to be 9' feet wide. and why not install a circular staircase inside the garage. Mr. Reenan said the circular staircase is not as safe for kids to use, nor does it allow for easy access for storage. The size of the balcony is what it is because of the windows underneath, and the historic nature of the property. He assured the Board that they have looked at all of these alternatives, and have spent money on architects and contractors to help them think through how to move the staircase to the inside of the building, but this resulted in significant detriments to their ability to use their space. He added a security camera will be installedd. Mr. Abraham confirmed these choices are strictly access considerations.

Member Lee verified the current garage has no dormer, but one is being added on the non-visible side. Mr. Abraham said the dormer is not a variable in calculating the height. The dormer relates to the installation of a bathroom. Member Lee confirmed no bathroom currently exists, stating she is trying to understand the current use of the second floor, versus the future use of the upper level. Mr. Abraham said the use is not part of the variation request. Mr. Reenan said the future use is storage, but since they are redoing it, they want to have some flexibility. The house itself is big enough for gatherings, so that is not the intended use of the second floor of the garage.

Mr. Jim Prisby, representing the Historic Preservation Commission, said the HPC is an advisory board working to protect historic homes, and with their expertise, they would be able to contribute an independent perspective to the task at hand. They met on July 1 and the Commission created and unanimously approved findings and recommendations. They concluded the National Register of Historic Places documents clearly indicate the carriage house was built in 1899, and is a key element to the historic designation bestowed upon the property. However, the wood foundation is crumbling and a proper foundation must be provided to save the structure. They recommend the ZBA consider doing whatever is necessary to allow this structure to be saved for generations to come.

Mr. Lauerman responded stating that without the staircase they have no problem.

Ms. Nan Dugan, 540 S. Oak, addressed the Board stating they fully support the Reenans pulling the building off their property, but they are also concerned about the loss of privacy with the dormer and window, as well as the staircase. Trees might help to mitigate this problem. She would prefer they keep the integrity of the structure as is, and does not understand why they cannot change the two windows underneath the staircase, but can change the upper windows to doors. She also noted the Reenan's enjoy a significant tax benefit, and would encourage them to move the garage off their property, and leaving the space as it is.

Member Alesia moved to close the public hearing for V-03-20, 329 East

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Sixth Street. Member Giltner seconded the motion.

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Neiman NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

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### DELIBERATIONS

AYES: Members Moberly Alesia, Giltner, Murphy, Lee, Podliska and Chairman

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Chairman Neiman opened discussion, reminding the Board that this matter is a recommendation to the Village Board for final approval. Member Moberly began discussion stating he concurs with the remarks of Mrs. Dugan. We want to save the garage, and moving it three feet south off the Dugan's' property line on a firm concrete foundation would accomplish the goal of preserving the garage. He is troubled by all the other aspects of the request; the stairs, the dormer, and moving it to the west closer to the Lauermans lot line. He struggles that there have been no alternative remedies proposed, but he wants to save the garage.

Chairman Neiman clarified for the Reenan's that four affirmative votes are necessary from the ZBA for the request to proceed to the Board of Trustees. He said if during our deliberations it appears you do not have the votes, you could reopen the public hearing and ask for a continuance.

Member Podliska said he is largely in agreement with Member Moberly. There are aspects of this proposal that do not go to the historic nature of this structure, they go more to a special privilege for the Reenans. The staircase, the balcony and the dormer are at best arguably neutral, or do not destroy the historical character of the structure. However, the historic character of the structure is not the support for those additions and changes. Further, any other garage in the Village would be built pursuant to the code, and the height would not be allowed.

Member Giltner said he is struggling; the Board considers these requests in their totality, and the rights of the property owner. There has been a lot of good cooperation between the neighbors. The Board cannot predict the future in terms of access control or the use of the balcony.

Member Alesia congratulated both parties for their compelling arguments and civility. He said there are too many alternatives to both of the variance requests, and if the standards of approval are not met for one of them, then the must fail. He does not believe the following criteria have been met: special privilege, no other remedy, and the essential character of the area in terms of being detrimental to public welfare or materially injurious to the enjoyment of private property or increase danger of flood.

- 42 He believes there are alternatives.
- Member Murphy is on the fence, but it does not make any sense to him to keep the building over the property line. The fact that some of the proposed changes can be
- done within the code is meaningful.
- Member Lee agreed moving the property south to eliminate the encroachment on the
- Dugan's' property makes sense. She thinks that in the spirit that the Reenans have

- suggested solutions with vegetation, there is a logical solution for compromise that we have not yet seen.
- 3 Chairman Neiman acknowledged that taking the staircase into account, other than the
- 4 effect on the Lauermans, is not part of the variation request, but he, too, is still
- 5 struggling with alternative solutions. He asked the Reenans, based on what they have
- 6 heard if they would like to reopen the hearing and ask for a continuance to address
- 7 the Board's concerns. The Reenans responded they would.
- 8 Chairman Neiman commended their commitment to preservation, and recognizes
- 9 there have been many concessions, as do the Lauermans. He said it is not the
- Board's intent to frustrate their good work. He said he understands how hard it is to
- rehab on older home, and how much money, time, attention, and love is required.
- 12 The Board members recognize this, but they have a responsibility to look at the code
- and find a way to allow what is being asked for, but also address neighbor concerns

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Chairman Neiman asked for a motion to reopen the Public Hearing on Sixth Street to allow the Reenans to request a continuance of the case to see if thy and the Lauermans can work together to come up with a different solution. So moved by Member Podliska. Seconded by Member Moberly.

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- 20 AYES: Members Moberly Alesia, Giltner, Murphy, Lee, Podliska and Chairman
- 21 **Neiman**
- 22 NAYS: None
- 23 ABSTAIN: None
- 24 ABSENT: None

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Motion carried.

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28 Mr. Reenan requested a continuance of their hearing.

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- 30 Member Podliska moved to approve the Reenan's' request for a continuance.
- 31 Member Giltner seconded the motion.

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- 33 AYES: Members Moberly Alesia, Giltner, Murphy, Lee, Podliska and Chairman
- 34 **Neiman**
- 35 NAYS: None
- 36 ABSTAIN: None
- 37 ABSENT: None

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39 Motion carried.

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Chairman Neiman said this matter will be put on our agenda again, and appreciates everyone's efforts to work together to solve the problems. The Board is very interested in historic preservation, but have a duty to follow the code.

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#### 9. NEW BUSINESS

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### 10.OLD BUSINESS

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2	11. ADJOURNMENT
3	With no further business before the Zoning Board of Appeals, Member Podliska
4	made a motion to adjourn the Zoning Board of Appeals of July 15, 2020.
5	Member Moberly seconded the motion.
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7	AYES: Members Moberly Alesia, Giltner, Murphy, Lee, Podliska and Chairman
8	Neiman
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### VILLAGE OF HINSDALE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** July 23, 2020

The specially scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals (conducted electronically via Zoom) was called to order by Chairman Bob Neiman on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 4:32 p.m., roll call was taken.

Present by telephone: Members Gary Moberly, Joseph Alesia, Keith Giltner, Tom Murphy, John Podliska, and Chairman Bob Neiman

Absent: Member Leslie Lee

1. ROLL CALL

Also Present: Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

Chairman Neiman read the following for the record:

"This open meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Hinsdale is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Pritzker's Executive Order of March 16, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the State of Illinois given the outbreak of the novel coronavirus.

In order to mitigate the transmission of the virus and reduce risk of COVID-19 illness, we have been advised and encouraged by the State to postpone consideration of public business where possible, and where a meeting is necessary, to limit public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Act that members of the public body be physically present. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely."

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

### 3. APPROVAL OF FINAL DECISIONS

### a) V-04-20, 318 South Garfield Street

Chairman Neiman asked if anyone had any changes or corrections to the draft document. Hearing none, Chairman Neiman asked for a motion to approve. Member Podliska made a motion to approve the Final Decision for V-04-20. 318 South Garfield Street. Member Alesia seconded the motion.

AYES: Members Moberly Alesia, Giltner, Murphy, Podliska and Chairman Neiman

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

**ABSENT:** Member Lee

Motion carried.

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1	4.	RECEIPT OF APPEARANCES – None
2 3 4 5	5.	RECEIPT OF REQUESTS, MOTIONS, PLEADINGS, OR REQUESTS TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT OF A GENERAL NATURE
6 7	6.	PRE-HEARING AND AGENDA SETTING - None
, 8 9	7.	PUBLIC HEARING - None
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	8.	ADJOURNMENT With no further business before the Zoning Board of Appeals, Member Podliska made a motion to adjourn the special meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals of July 23, 2020. Member Murphy seconded the motion.  AYES: Members Moberly Alesia, Giltner, Murphy, Podliska and Chairman Neimar NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSTAIN: Member Lee  Motion carried.  Chairman Neiman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.
25 26 27		Christine M. Bruton

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Chairman Neiman and Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM:

Robert McGinnis MCP

**Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner** 

DATE:

October 13, 2020

RE:

Zoning Variation - V-05-20; 448 E. 4th Street

In this application for variation, the applicant requests relief from the Interior Side Yard Setback set forth in section 3-110(D)(2)(b) of the Code in order to deed over excess property from the neighboring lot to the west (444 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street) The specific request is for 2.63' of relief.

The applicant in this case owns both 444 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 448 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The intention is to deed over excess property from the 444 property to the 448 property. Because the width of the 448 property is increasing, the required side yard setbacks increase as well. Although the house is not moving on the 448 lot, the existing setback on the east side of the lot is already non-conforming. Any increase in the width of the lot increases the degree of non-conformity thereby driving the request for relief.

This property is a conforming through-lot located in the R-1 Residential District in the Village of Hinsdale and is located on the south side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Oak Street and County Line Road. The property is irregular and contains approximately 39,957 square feet of lot area. The maximum permitted FAR is 9,991sf., the maximum permitted Lot Coverage is 19,978sf., and the maximum allowable Building Coverage is 9,989sf..

CC:

Kathleen A. Gargano, Village Manager

Zoning file V-05-20



19 E. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL 60521

### **APPLICATION FOR VARIATION**

# COMPLETE APPLICATION CONSISTS OF (10) COPIES (All materials to be collated)

**FILING FEES:** \$850.00

Name of Applicant(s): Matthew Bousquette
Address of Subject Property: 448 E 4th Street
If Applicant is not property owner, Applicant's relationship to property owner:
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Received: 10/10/20 06 Zoning Calendar No. 10520
PAYMENT INFORMATION: Check # Check Amount \$

### SECTION 1- NAME & CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Owner. Name, mailing address, telephone number and email address of owner:
Name: Matthew Bousquette
Address: 448 E 4th Street
Telephone: 630 769 2725 email:
2. <u>Trustee Disclosure</u> . In the case of a land trust provide the name, address, telephone
number and email address of all trustees and beneficiaries of the trust:
Name:
Address:
Telephone:email:
3. Applicant. Name, address, telephone number and email address of applicant, if
different from owner:
Name:
Address:
Telephone:email:
4. Subject Property. Address, PIN Number, and legal description of the subject
property, use separate sheet for legal description, if necessary.
PIN Number: 448 E 4th street
PIN # 0912222010
See Attached Legal Description - Exhibit
see printing Legal Description
5. <u>Consultants</u> . Name and address of each professional consultant advising applicant with respect to this application:
a. Attorney: Surveyor: Low Green P.E.
b. Engineer: <u>Engineering Resources Associates, Inc.</u>
a. Attorney: Surveyor: Fox Jon Green P.E.  b. Engineer: Engineering Resources Associates, INC.  c. Architect: 35701 W. Avenue
d. Contractor: WArrenville, IL 60555
630 - 939 - 3060 pg. 2
Village of Hindsale Application for Variation

6.	<u>Village Personnel</u> . Name and address of any officer or employee of the Village with
	an interest in the Owner, the Applicant, or the Subject Property, and the nature and
	extent of that interest:
	a
	b

7. Neighboring Owners. Submit with this application a list showing the name and address of each owner of (1) property within 250 lineal feet in all directions from the subject property; and (2) property located on the same frontage or frontages as the front lot line or corner side lot line of the subject property or on a frontage directly opposite any such frontage or on a frontage immediately adjoining or across an alley from any such frontage.

After the Village has prepared the legal notice, the applicant/agent must mail by certified mail, "return receipt requested" to each property owner/ occupant. The applicant/agent must then fill out, sign, and notarize the "Certification of Proper Notice" form, returning that form and <u>all</u> certified mail receipts to the Village.

- 8. Survey. Submit with this application a recent survey, certified by a registered land surveyor, showing existing lot lines and dimensions, as well as all easements, all public and private rights-of-way, and all streets across and adjacent to the Subject Property.
- 9. Existing Zoning. Submit with this application a description or graphic representation of the existing zoning classification, use, and development of the Subject Property, and the adjacent area for at least 250 feet in all directions from the Subject Property.
- 10. Conformity. Submit with this application a statement concerning the conformity or lack of conformity of the approval being requested to the Village Official Comprehensive Plan and the Official Map. Where the approval being requested does not conform to the Official Comprehensive Plan or the Official Map, the statement should set forth the reasons justifying the approval despite such lack of conformity.
- 11. Zoning Standards. Submit with this application a statement specifically addressing the manner in which it is proposed to satisfy each standard that the Zoning Ordinance establishes as a condition of, or in connection with, the approval being sought.

  Son Attached Exhib: ts
- 12. Successive Application. In the case of any application being filed less than two

years after the denial of an application seeking essentially the same relief, submit with this application a statement as required by Sections 11-501 and 11-601 of the Hinsdale Zoning Code.

### **SECTION II**

When applying for a variation from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, you must provide the data and information required above, and in addition, the following:

	Evidence of title or other interest you have in the Subject Project, date of sition of such interest, and the specific nature of such interest. See $E_x$
	ance Provision. The specific provisions of the Zoning Ordinance from which a ion is sought:
	Section 3-110(P)(2)(b)
	interior side yard setback
Varia	tion Sought. The precise variation being sought, the purpose therefor, and the
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speci requi Minin Zonir	fic feature or features of the proposed use, construction, or development that re a variation: (Attach separate sheet if additional space is needed.)  See Exhibit G  num Variation. A statement of the minimum variation of the provisions of the rig Ordinance that would be necessary to permit the proposed use, rruction, or development: (Attach separate sheet if additional space is

- 5. Standards for Variation. A statement of the characteristics of Subject Property that prevent compliance with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and the specific facts you believe support the grant of the required variation. In addition to your general explanation, you must specifically address the following requirements for the grant of a variation:
  - (a) Unique Physical Condition. The Subject Property is exceptional as compared to other lots subject to the same provision by reason of a unique physical condition, including presence of an existing use, structure of sign, whether conforming or nonconforming; irregular or substandard shape or size; exceptional topographical features; or other extraordinary physical conditions peculiar to and inherent in the Subject Property that amount to more than a mere inconvenience to the owner and that relate to or arise out of the lot rather than the personal situation of the current lot owner.
  - (b) Not Self-Created. The aforesaid unique physical condition is not the result of any action or inaction of the owner, or of the owner's predecessors in title and known to the owner prior to acquisition of the Subject Property, and existed at the time of the enactment of the provisions from which a variation is sought or was created by natural forces or was the result of governmental action, other than the adoption of this Code, for which no compensation was paid.
  - (c) <u>Denied Substantial Rights</u>. The carrying out of the strict letter of the provision from which a variation is sought would deprive the owner of the Subject Property of substantial rights commonly enjoyed by owners of other lots subject to the same provision.
  - (d) Not Merely Special Privilege. The alleged hardship or difficulty is not merely the inability of the owner or occupant to enjoy some special privilege or additional right not available to owners or occupants of other lots subject to the same provision, nor merely an inability to make more money from the use of the subject property; provided, however, that where the standards herein set out exist, the existence of an economic hardship shall not be a prerequisite to the grant of an authorized variation.
  - (e) <u>Code and Plan Purposes</u>. The variation would not result in a use or development of the Subject Property that would not be in harmony with the general and specific purposes for which this Code and the provision from which a variation is sought were enacted or the general purpose and intent of the Official Comprehensive Plan.
  - (f) <u>Essential Character of the Area</u>. The variation would not result in a use or development of the Subject Property that:
    - (1) Would be materially detrimental to the public welfare or materially

injurious to the	enjoyment,	use development,	or value of	property of
		the vicinity; or		

- (2) Would materially impair an adequate supply of light and air to the properties and improvements in the vicinity; or
- (3) Would substantially increase congestion in the public streets due to traffic or parking; or
- (4) Would unduly increase the danger of flood or fire; or
- (5) Would unduly tax public utilities and facilities in the area; or
- (6) Would endanger the public health or safety.
- No Other Remedy. There is no means other than the requested variation by which the alleged hardship or difficulty can be avoided or remedied to a degree sufficient to permit a reasonable use of the Subject Project. (Attach separate sheet if additional space is needed.)

  See Exh. b. 7. T

### **SECTION III**

In addition to the data and information required pursuant to any application as herein set forth, every Applicant shall submit such other and additional data, information, or documentation as the Village Manager or any Board of Commission before which its application is pending may deem necessary or appropriate to a full and proper consideration and disposition of the particular application.

1. A copy of preliminary architectural and/or surveyor plans showing the floor plans, exterior elevations, and site plan needs to be submitted with each copy of the zoning petitions for the improvements.

2. The architect or land surveyor needs to provide zoning information concerning the existing zoning; for example, building coverage, distance to property lines, and floor area ratio calculations and data on the plans or supplemental documents for the proposed improvements.

### SECTION IV

- 1. Application Fee and Escrow. Every application must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$250.00 plus an additional \$600.00 initial escrow amount. The applicant must also pay the costs of the court reporter's transcription fees and legal notices for the variation request. A separate invoice will be sent if these expenses are not covered by the escrow that was paid with the original application fees.
- 2. Additional Escrow Requests. Should the Village Manager at any time determine that the escrow account established in connection with any application is, or is likely to become, insufficient to pay the actual costs of processing such application, the Village Manager shall inform the Applicant of that fact and demand an additional deposit in an amount deemed by him to be sufficient to cover foreseeable additional costs. Unless and until such additional amount is deposited by the Applicant, the Village Manager may direct that processing of the application shall be suspended or terminated.
- 3. <u>Establishment of Lien</u>. The owner of the Subject Property, and if different, the Applicant, are jointly and severally liable for the payment of the application fee. By signing the applicant, the owner has agreed to pay said fee, and to consent to the filing and foreclosure of a lien against the Subject Property for the fee plus costs of collection, if the account is not settled within 30 days after the mailing of a demand for payment.

Name of Applicant:	MAtth	ew	Bous	guette
Signature of Applicant:	menter	Buy	mit	
Date:	10/12/2000			

### WARRANTY DEED

The Grantors, William T. Jacobs, Jr., and Linda R. Jacobs, husband and wife, of the County of Dupage, and State of Illinois, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars and other good and valuable considerations in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, convey and warrant

**UNOFFICIAL COPY** 



FRED BUCHOLZ

DUPAGE COUNTY RECORDER

AUG.01,2008 RHSP 11:12 AM
DEED 09-12-222-008
004 PAGES R2008-120701

to Matthew C. Bousquette, a married person, of 255 Windsor, Itasca, Illinois 60143, the following described real estate situated in the County of Dupage, in the State of Illinois, to-wit:

See legal description attached hereto as Exhibit "A"

SUBJECT TO: (a) General real estate taxes not due and payable at the time of closing; (b) Special taxes and assessments confirmed after the contract date; (c) Building, building line, use or occupancy restrictions, conditions and covenants of record; (d) Zoning laws and ordinances which conform to the present usage of the Premises; (e) Public and utility easements which serve the Premises; (f) Public roads and highways, if any; and (g) Drainage ditches, feeders, laterals and drain tile, pipe or other conduit.

hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

DATED this 23d day of July, 2008.

William T. Jacob

Linda R. Jacob

STATE OF ILLINOIS

JUL.31.08

**DUPAGE COUNTY** 

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Exhibit A

### **UNOFFICIAL COPY**

STATE OF ILLINOIS	)
	) SS.
COUNTY OF WILL	)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that William T. Jacobs, Jr. and Linda R. Jacobs, personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, as having executed the same, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the same instrument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and Notarial Seal this 3 day of July, 2008.

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
Christine D. Plascencia
Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Exp. 07/14/2009

My commission ex

Municipal Transfer Stamp (If Required)

County/Illinois Transfer Stamp

Name & Address of Preparer: John S. Gallo, Esq.

John S. Gallo, Esq. Tracy, Johnson & Wilson 2801 Black Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Joliet, Illinois 60435

### Return to:

Mr. Paul B. Garver Hawbecker & Garver 35 S. Garfield Hinsdale, Illinois 60521

Mail Tax Bills to:

Matthew C. Bousquette 448 E. Fourth Street Hinsdale, Illinois 60521

### EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION

#### PARCEL 1:

THE NORTH 100 FEET OF LOT 2 (MEASURED PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE THEREOF), EXCEPT THE EAST 170 FEET THEREOF, AND THE EAST 1/2 OF VACATED OAKWOOD PLACE LYING WEST OF AND ADJOINING THERETO, IN BLOCK 9 IN W. ROBBIN'S PARK ADDITION TO HINSDALE, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 AND OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 12, 1871 AS DOCUMENT NO. 14048, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

#### PARCEL 2:

LOT 2 IN OWNER'S RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 1 AND THE EAST 170 FEET OF THE NORTH 100 FEET OF LOT 2 (AS MEASURED PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE) OF BLOCK 9 OF W. ROBBINS PARK ADDITION TO HINSDALE, A SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 16, 1948 AS DOCUMENT 547307, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

#### PARCEL 3:

THAT PART OF VACATED OAKWOOD PLACE LYING WEST OF AND ADJOINING LOT 2 IN OWNER'S RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 1 AND THE EAST 170 FEET OF THE NORTH 100 FEET OF LOT 2 (AS MEASURED PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE) OF BLOCK 9 OF W. ROBBINS PARK ADDITION TO HINSDALE, A SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 16, 1948 AS DOCUMENT 547307, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN THE RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 8 IN W. ROBBINS PARK ADDITION TO HINSDALE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 125.00 FEET AND THE CHORD OF WHICH EXTENDS FROM SAID NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2 IN OWNER'S RESUBDIVISION OF PART OF BLOCK 9 IN W. ROBBINS PARK ADDITION TO HINSDALE, A DISTANCE OF 26.66 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID CURVE A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO SAID NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 2 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2 EXTENDED WEST A DISTANCE OF 35.25 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG A LINE FORMING AN ANGLE OF 69 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 12 SECONDS AS MEASURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT WITH THE LAST DESCRIBED LINE A DISTANCE OF 63.05 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1 EXTENDED EASTERLY; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY A DISTANCE OF 111.14 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING THOSE PORTIONS OF VACATED OAKWOOD PLACE DESCRIBED ON THE PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT OF WAY PLAT OF VACATION, AS DOCUMENT R75-24211 RECORDED ON THE 29TH DAY OF MAY 1975, AS PARCEL 3

P.I.N. 09-12-222-007-0000 (Parcel 1) 09-12-222-008-0000 (Parcel 2 & 3)

ADDRESS: 445 Woodside, Hinsdale, IL 60521 (Parcel 1)
448 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521 (Parcel 2 & 3)

NIA	OWNER	PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	PROPERTY STREET NAME	PROPERTY APARTMENT	PROPERTY CITY	PROPERTY ZIPCODE
0912221002	NERAD; JERRY & ANN TR	420	Е	4TH ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912221004	PIEMONTE; MARCO & ALEXA	419	S	OAK ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912221008	BOUSQUETTE; MATTHEW C	444	Е	4TH ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912226006	ARBER; D & CPARK	433	Е	6TH ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912221006	BOUSQUETTE; MATTHEW C	444	E	4TH ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912221005	HOLMES; JOY E TR	425		WOODSIDE AVE		HINSDALE	60521
0912221009	<b>BOUSQUETTE; MATTHEW C</b>	444	ш	4TH ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912214011	FLAHERTY; MICHAEL & LINDA	425	Е	4TH ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912222005	HARRISON TR; MARK & G	436	S	COUNTY LINE RD		HINSDALE	60521
0912226005	ECK; ROBYN TRUST	425	E	6TH ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912214017	DAZE; ERIC & GUYLAINE	445	Е	4TH ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912214018	CICERO 7215 & 1ST IL 7224	330	S	COUNTY LINE RD		HINSDALE	60521
0912226012	REBRAG INC	453	Е	6ТН ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912222010	BOUSQUETTE; MATTHEW C	448	Е	4TH ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912222004	CHICAGO TITLE 8002381154	420	S	COUNTY LINE RD		HINSDALE	60521
0912226010	BRICKMAN; DONNA	439	Е	6TH ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912226003	YERLIOGLU; BEN E	440		WOODSIDE AVE		HINSDALE	60521
0912226007	BRICKMAN; DONNA	439	Е	6TH ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912214012	SCALES; JOHN & KAREN	435	ш	4TH ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912222003	BENSON; DONALD & JOAN	455		WOODSIDE AVE		HINSDALE	60521
0912214013	NAPLETON; PAUL & K	441	ш	4TH ST		HINSDALE	60521
0912226002	REEDY; MARY M	424	ш	WOODSIDE AVE		HINSDALE	60521
0912222009	MALINOWSKI; DIANE R TR	452	В	4TH ST		HINSDALE	60521

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8-07-110-002-0000 KEVIN & KARA BOYLE	329 S COUNTY LINE RD	HINSDALE	6052
8-07-110-003-0000 JEROME & MARYKAY HINES	403 S COUNTY LINE RD	HINSDALE	60521
3-07-110-004-0000 PAUL S DRUMM	411 S COUNTY LINE RD	HINSDALE	6052
8-07-110-006-0000 ROBERT PECKENPAUGH TR	429 S COUNTY LINE RD	HINSDALE	6052
18-07-110-020-0000 WILLIAM & JANE HULESCH	421 S COUNTY LINE RD	HINSDALE	60521

Source: https://maps.cookcountyil.gov/cookviewer/mapviewer.html?searchType=address&search=hinsdale%20il#

Exhibit B11

## Dupage County Parcel Report Map created for assessment purposes only. Refer to recorded plats or deads for fegal distributions and property dimensions. Copyright The County of Dialogo, Himman work dupagates only work dupagates only work dupagates only.



### PIN: 0912221002

PIN	0912221002	
OWNER	NERAD; JERRY & ANN TR	
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	420	
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	E	
PROPERTY STREET NAME	4TH ST	
PROPERTY APARTMENT		
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE	
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521	

PIN	0912221004
OWNER	PIEMONTE; MARCO & ALEXA
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	419
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	S
PROPERTY STREET NAME	OAK ST
PROPERTY APARTMENT	
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521

PIN	0912221008	
OWNER	BOUSQUETTE; MATTHEW C	
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	444	
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	E	
PROPERTY STREET NAME	4TH ST	
PROPERTY APARTMENT		
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE	
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521	

### PIN: 0912226006

PIN	0912226006	
OWNER	ARBER; D & C PARK	
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	433	
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	E	
PROPERTY STREET NAME	6TH ST	
PROPERTY APARTMENT		
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE	
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521	

### PIN: 0912221006

PIN	0912221006
OWNER	BOUSQUETTE; MATTHEW C
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	444
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	E
PROPERTY STREET NAME	4TH ST
PROPERTY APARTMENT	
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521

PIN	0912221005	
OWNER	HOLMES; JOY E TR	
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	425	The second section is a second of the second
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION		
PROPERTY STREET NAME	WOODSIDE AVE	
PROPERTY APARTMENT		
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE	
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521	

PIN	0912221009
OWNER	BOUSQUETTE; MATTHEW C
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	444
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	E
PROPERTY STREET NAME	4TH ST
PROPERTY APARTMENT	
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521

### PIN: 0912214011

PIN	0912214011	
OWNER	FLAHERTY; MICHAEL & LINDA	
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	425	
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	E	
PROPERTY STREET NAME	4TH ST	
PROPERTY APARTMENT		
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE	
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521	

### PIN: 0912222005

PIN	0912222005
OWNER	HARRISON TR; MARK & G
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	436
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	S
PROPERTY STREET NAME	COUNTY LINE RD
PROPERTY APARTMENT	
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521

0912226005
ECK; ROBYN TRUST
425
E
6TH ST
HINSDALE
60521

PIN	0912214017	
OWNER	DAZE; ERIC & GUYLAINE	
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	445	
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	E	
PROPERTY STREET NAME	4TH ST	
PROPERTY APARTMENT		
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE	
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521	

### PIN: 0912214018

PIN	0912214018
OWNER	CICERO 7215 & 1ST IL 7224
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	330
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	S
PROPERTY STREET NAME	COUNTY LINE RD
PROPERTY APARTMENT	
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521

### PIN: 0912226012

PIN	0912226012
OWNER	REBRAG INC
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	453
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	E
PROPERTY STREET NAME	6TH ST
PROPERTY APARTMENT	
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521

PIN	0912222010	
OWNER	BOUSQUETTE; MATTHEW C	
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	448	
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	E	<u> </u>
PROPERTY STREET NAME	4TH ST	
PROPERTY APARTMENT		
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE	
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521	

PIN	0912222004
OWNER	CHICAGO TITLE 8002381154
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	420
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	S
PROPERTY STREET NAME	COUNTY LINE RD
PROPERTY APARTMENT	
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521

### PIN: 0912226010

PIN	0912226010	
OWNER	BRICKMAN; DONNA	
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	439	
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	E	
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OWNER	YERLIOGLU; BEN E
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PROPERTY APARTMENT	
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521

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OWNER	BRICKMAN; DONNA
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	439
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	E
PROPERTY STREET NAME	6TH ST
PROPERTY APARTMENT	
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521

PIN	0912214012
OWNER	SCALES; JOHN & KAREN
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	435
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	E
PROPERTY STREET NAME	4TH ST
PROPERTY APARTMENT	
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521

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OWNER	BENSON; DONALD & JOAN	
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	455	
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION		
PROPERTY STREET NAME	WOODSIDE AVE	
PROPERTY APARTMENT		
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE	
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521	

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OWNER	NAPLETON; PAUL & K
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	441
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	Ε
PROPERTY STREET NAME	4TH ST
PROPERTY APARTMENT	
PROPERTY CITY	HINSDALE
PROPERTY ZIPCODE	60521

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424
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PIN	0912222009
OWNER	MALINOWSKI; DIANE R TR
PROPERTY STREET NUMBER	452
PROPERTY STREET DIRECTION	E
PROPERTY STREET NAME	4TH ST
PROPERTY APARTMENT	
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### #9 EXISTING ZONING

The subject property is zoned R-1 Single Family District. The subject property is a single-family residence. The subject property will remain a single-family residence in conformance with the applicable Village Zoning Code.

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### **#10 CONFORMITY**

The subject property is an R-1 residential lot that conforms to the width, depth and square footage requirements of the Hinsdale Village Code. The specific dimensions, shape, and location of the lot can best be ascertained by viewing the survey of the property attached hereto as Exhibit C. The issue arising in this variance request relates to the fact that the existing easterly interior side-yard setback is 10.41 feet. The existing house (built before the current side-yard setbacks were adopted in the Code) would require an 11.941 foot setback under the current Village Code. However, this existing non-conformity condition predates the Village's adoption of the side-yard setbacks set forth in Section 3-110 of the Village Code and the house has existed with this side-yard setback for approximately 36 years. All other setbacks and location and size requirements are in conformity with the Code.

Applicant seeks a variance to add an additional 3,526 square feet of property to the west side of his property by deeding footage from his adjoining property located at 444 E 4th Street. Applicant is the owner of both 448 and 444 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Both lots are through lots that run street to street – from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Woodside. The proposed additional width varies from zero additional width in the rear of the property (Woodside) to approximately 11 feet at the front of the property (4th Street) and can best be understood by reference to the attached survey of the proposed re-subdivision. The proposed additional property is highlighted in yellow. The existing structure at 448 is not being changed or altered in any way. It will remain in its current location. Applicant seeks only to add a small amount of width to the westerly side of his yard at 448. After approval of this requested variance the end result would be that 448 and 444 would remain the two largest lots on the block and well in excess of the required 30,000 minimum square footage. 448 would consist of 43,408 square feet and 444 would be 47,960 square feet. They would also meet all other requirements posttransfer with the one exception of the existing westerly side-yard setback of the existing house at 448 E 4th.

Under the Village's unique method for determining interior side-yard setbacks, the existing easterly side-yard setback requirement would increase because of the additional width being added to the property. The Village calculates the interior side-yard setback by a formula that is roughly stated as

Exhibit E

"6 feet + 10% of the width over 50 feet." The steps necessary for the calculation of the interior side-yard setback are as follows:

- first determines the median distance from the street to the front of all of the houses on the block;
- 2) secondly, determine the width of the subject property at the median distance;
- 3) Third, calculate the amount of the width over 50 feet;
- 4) Fourth, calculate 10% of the distance over 50 feet;
- 5) Fifth, add 6 feet to the 10% amount of width

This calculation yields the required interior yard setback.

In this application, the current width of the existing 448 property, as measured at the required median location from the street, is 109.41 feet.

Applicant is adding 10.94 feet in width at the median location. This makes the proposed new lot 120.35 feet in width at the median measurement location.

Then you subtract 50 feet from the 120.35 feet to arrive at 70.35 feet. (120.35-50=70.35)

Then you calculate 10% of the 70.35 feet to arrive at 7.035 feet.

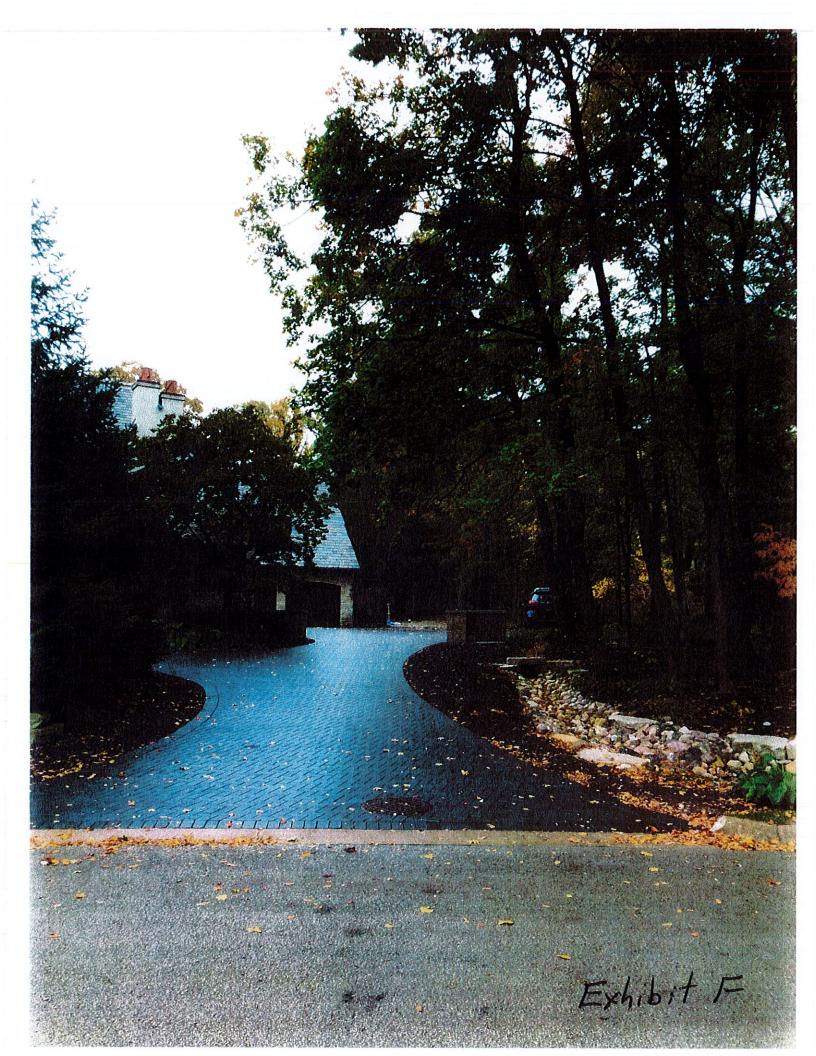
Then you add 6 feet to the 7.035 feet to arrive at the new interior side-yard setback requirement of 13.035 feet.

The current 448 house is located 10.41 feet from the easterly side-yard. the existing house (built before the current side-yard setbacks were adopted in the Code) would have required an 11.941 foot setback. Thus, the house, as it exists today, is 1.541 feet (11.941 - 10.41 = 1.541) over today's interior side-yard setbacks.

Exhibit E 2/3 The new calculation, after the addition of the proposed footage, results in the existing house requiring a 2.625 variance under the new calculation for interior side-yard setbacks. (13.035 – 10.41 = 2.625 feet)

Thus, Applicant is in reality only seeking an additional 1.094 foot variance to accommodate the new calculation required by the addition of the westerly side-yard property. (13.035 -11.941 – 1.094 feet)

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### **#3 VARIANCE SOUGHT**

Applicant seeks a reduction of the required interior side-yard setback required under Section 3-110 (D)(2)(b) of the Village Code after the addition of 3,526 square feet to the westerly side of applicant's property at 448 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Applicant seeks to increase the width of his 448 property as set forth above. Under the formula used by the Village to determine the required interior side-yard setbacks, the required side-yard setback would increase by 2.65 feet – which is just 1.094 more than the interior side-tard setback required for the house and lot without the addition of the new westerly side-yard property.

The existing easterly side-yard setback is currently 10.41 feet. Applicant seeks only a minimal variance of the required interior side-yard setback. No structural changes are being sought for the house structure. Applicant merely seeks technical compliance with the Village's interior side-yard setback requirements in order to add a small amount of property to his westerly side yard. The house would remain exactly where it has been for over approximately 36 years.

Exhibit G

### **SECTION II**

## #4 Minimum Variation

A variance of 2.625 feet of the interior side-yard setback requirement is sought to accommodate the existing side-yard setback. This application seeks this minimal variance of the interior side-yard setback in order to allow the house structure to remain in its existing location while adding a small amount of property to the westerly side yard. The details are set forth above.

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#### **SECTION II**

#### #5 Standards For Variation.

The proposed addition of 3,526 square feet from 444 E 4th Street to 448 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street would result in a lot that continues to conform to all the width, depth and size requirements of the Village Code. The existing 448 lot comprises 39,482 square feet and the new 448 lot would be 43,408 square ft. The re-subdivision would have a negligible impact on 444, reducing its size from 51,486 square feet to 47,960 square feet. Both 444 and 448 would remain the two largest lots on the block. The variance would allow the applicant to balance the size of the two lots. The current imbalance in size between 444 (the larger lot) and 448 (the smaller of the two lots) exists because of the previous existence of a nowabandoned public street (known as Oakwood Place) that existed between the two lots. Both houses' driveways fed into that prior street. Years ago the Village abandoned Oakwood Place and deeded the street property to the 444 and 448 lots. Reciprocal easements were granted as between 444 and 448 for use of the previous Oakwood Place as a driveway for both houses. Unfortunately, the Village also abandoned an unknown sewer line coming from a neighboring house on Woodside which burst and poured open raw sewage into applicant's front yard. Neither the offending homeowner, the Village of Hinsdale, nor Flagg Creek provided any assistance to remedy this raw sewage mess. Applicant thus had to tear up his driveway to locate the multiple breaks in the old sewer line and remove it at a cost of over \$25,000.

As part of the driveway repairs, applicant had to repair and improve the existing Village storm drainage and culvert system that meandered and repeatedly crossed over between 444 and 448 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street as it drained alongside the abandoned Oakwood Place. Applicant straightened out the meandering drainage trench to improve the drainage system which often backed up and overflowed. To accomplish this task, Applicant had to slightly encroach upon the easterly side of the 444 property line. Applicant now seeks to legally record his efforts in order to have full control to maintain the entire area of the drainage system. In effect, applicant is seeking to deed the area of the drainage system to the 448 property.

A Picture of the completed new driveway and the improved drainage system is submitted as Exhibit F.

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## a) Unique Physical Condition

As shown above, the abandonment of Oakwood Place, the broken and abandoned sewer line which caused Applicant to have to tear up his driveway, and the Village's meandering and unkept drainage system presented a unique physical condition.

## b) Not Self-Created

The side-yard setback condition is not a self-created condition. The house was built before the current side-yard restrictions were enacted. The house has always been in its current location and will remain in that location.

The sewer line's existence was not disclosed to the Applicant when he purchased the house and no written easement exists identifying the existence of the sewer line. Further, Applicant had no control over a neighbor's sewer line that traversed his property and burst spilling the neighbor's sewage into his yard. Waking up to finding his yard filled with his neighbor's sewage was not something that was self-created by the Applicant.

The Village's meandering drainage system was in a state of disrepair and was negatively impacted when the sewer line burst and spilled raw sewage into the storm drainage system. Absent any help from the owner of the sewer line, The Village of Hinsdale, nor Flagg Creek, the applicant undertook the repair of the sewer and improvement of the drainage system.

# c) Denied Substantial Rights

The denial of this variance request would be an injudicious application of the Village Code that would accomplish nothing for the public benefit. Adding a small amount of land to the 448 property makes the existing structure better situated on its lot and appear more harmonious with the surrounding neighborhood. It would help to balance the size difference between the frontage of 444 and 444 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The existing structure would not change and the existing easterly side-yard setback would not change and the house will remain exactly as it has been for approximately 36 years. Denial of this application would serve no purpose.

Exhibit I

## d) Not merely Special Privilege.

Applicant submits that fixing his neighbor's broken sewer line which destroyed his driveway (the leaking sewer and water pressure created large mounds in multiple locations of applicant's driveway as the sewage flowed into applicant's yard), along with repairing the Village's dilapidated drainage system, can in no way be considered a special privilege. Further, the granting of the variance to grant applicant control over his repair efforts will have zero impact on anyone, especially since applicant owns both parcels of property involved in this matter.

## e) Code and Plan Purposes

The requested variance is in the general spirit of the Village Code to promote harmonious appearing residential neighborhoods. The variance will not change the location of any existing structure at 448. It merely balances out the aesthetic appeal of the adjoining properties by making the lots more harmonious in their sizes.

#### f) Essential Character of the Area

- 1) The granting of the variance would improve the overall aesthetic character of the area and balance the lot sizes between 444 and 448 to create a more harmonious feel to the block. There would be no detrimental impact whatsoever on the public welfare or would it be injurious to the enjoyment, use and value of the neighborhood.
- 2 & 3) The variance would have no impact on any environmental concern in the neighborhood with no effect on the supply of light, air or other public matter. Physically nothing would change from its current condition. A property line would simply be moved a few feet. No traffic issues would be affected.

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- 4) The impact on potential flooding is actually improved by applicant's efforts to renovate the Villages drainage system that had fallen into disrepair and was indeed entirely clogged when applicant purchased the property.
- 5/6) Public health, utilities and the reduction in potential flooding have been ameliorated by applicant's repair of the broken sewer line and dilapidated drainage system and has no effect on taxes, utilities or anything else in the area and does not endanger public health or safety.

## g) No Other Remedy.

The abandonment of Oakwood Place, combined with the previous meandering storm drainage, which previously traversed between the two adjacent properties at intermittent locations, and the bursting of the neighbor's sewer line, created a unique situation which needed to be repaired and updated. Indeed, the Dupage County Health Department demanded that applicant repair the neighbor's burst sewer line. Thus applicant, as the owner of the two adjacent properties undertook the effort and expense to make the repairs to the Village's drainage system and the burst sewer line. In an effort to maintain control over his improvements, applicant simply seeks to establish these improvements all on one legal property. No other remedy makes practical sense.

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