



November 3, 2020

ZONING APPEALS BOARD MINUTES

City of Bridgeport, County of Harrison, State of West Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Sam Spatafore, Vice-Chairman Ryan Haws, Members Richard Forren, Meredith McCarthy and Jacqueline Schirripa.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

VISITORS AND CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Savidge, 325 W. Philadelphia Ave. and Secretary to the Board Staci Unger.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Zoning Appeals Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in City Council Chambers at the Bridgeport Municipal Complex at 515 West Main Street by Chairman Sam Spatafore.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the October 6, 2020 regular meeting were unanimously approved as written on a motion by Member Forren; seconded by Vice-Chairman Haws.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing to consider the request of Paul Savidge, 325 W. Philadelphia Ave., for a zoning variance for the purpose of extending a garage.

- Chairman Spatafore explained that Paul Savidge was requesting a variance which would place the garage extension within 3 feet of the property line instead of the required 8-foot setback.
- Paul Savidge was sworn in by Chairman Spatafore and proceeded to explain the variance request and answered questions from the Board Members.
- Staci Unger, Secretary to the Board, read a memo from Community and Economic Development Director Andrea Kerr that stated that the Community and Economic Development, Engineering

and Public Utilities, Public Works, Fire and Police Departments had no issues with the variance request.

- Secretary to the Board Staci Unger also confirmed that Paul Savidge’s neighbors had been notified via certified mail and no objections were received.
- Chairman Spatafore pointed out that the overhang would need to be included in the variance, and that would make the variance 5 ½ feet instead of 5 feet as originally requested.
- Chairman Spatafore asked how long it would take to complete the work and Paul Savidge stated that he should be able to have the work completed within 4-6 months based on the availability of supplies.
- Vice-Chairman Haws expressed concern about water runoff from the roof and the effect on the neighboring property and stated that he feels some form of containment would be needed.
- Chairman Spatafore stated for the record that there is some uniqueness to this variance request in that this is an extension to an existing garage and the improvements would actually place the overhang further back from the property line.
- After consideration of the request, a motion was made by Member Forren to grant a 5 ½-foot variance to allow the garage extension to be within 2 ½ feet of the property line instead of the required 8-foot setback with the following stipulations –
 - A stormwater management system must be included in the design and approved by a City of Bridgeport Building Inspector to ensure runoff does not affect your neighbor,
 - The overhang cannot extend over 6 inches, and
 - The exterior of the garage extension must have a look consistent with the existing garage.
- The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Haws and passed unanimously.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Chairman Sam Spatafore welcomed new member, Jacqueline Schirripa, to the Zoning Appeals Boards.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m. on a motion by Vice-Chairman Haws. The motion was seconded by Member Schirripa and was unanimously approved.

APPROVED:

PREPARED BY:

Sam Spatafore, Chairman

Staci Unger, Secretary to the Board

DATE:
