

April 5, 2016

Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Bridgeport
County of Harrison
State of West Virginia

The Bridgeport Board of Zoning Appeals conducted a public hearing Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in Bridgeport City Hall, 515 West Main Street, with the following members attending: Chairman Sam Spatafore, Vice Chairman Meredith McCarthy, Member Rod Smallridge, and Member Ryan Haws. Member Joe Coughlin was absent.

Also attending were Connie Hamilton, Secretary to the Board, Mr. Dennis Paul, 104 Ventura Drive, and Travis Paul, 152 Oakwood Circle.

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Sam Spatafore called the meeting to order and everyone wishing to speak was sworn in.

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for Calendar Year 2016

The election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for calendar year 2016 was held. Vice Chairman McCarthy nominated Sam Spatafore for Chairman and Chairman Spatafore nominated Meredith McCarthy for Vice Chairman. The nominations were seconded by Member Smallridge and unanimously approved.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: Consider the request of Dennis A. Paul, 104 Ventura Drive, for a five feet, six inches variance on the side property line for the purpose of constructing a garage, which would place the garage within two feet, six inches from the side property line instead of the required eight feet setback.

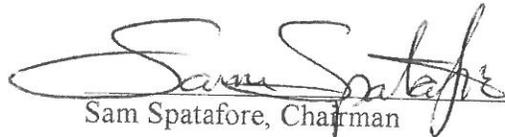
After being duly sworn in, Mr. Dennis Paul explained to the board the garage is intended to house a handicap accessible van that will be purchased in the future. He said he had not applied for a Building Permit prior to beginning the construction of the garage. Once he was aware that he needed a permit, he filed the application and Code Enforcement determined the structure would be too close to the property line. After reviewing his options, he decided to request a variance.

Certified letters of notification of the request and subsequent hearing were mailed to the abutting property owners. The board also considered written comments from Bridgeport Fire Chief Philip Hart, Director of Public Safety John Walker, Director of Engineering and Utilities H. Tom Brown, P.E., Director of Public Works Fred Burton, and Engineer Tech/CFM Timothy Bumgardner stating they had no objection to the variance being granted. Director of Community Development Randy Spellman voiced concerns about the two feet, six inches setback from the side property line.

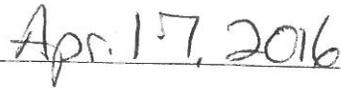
Randy Spellman, Director of Community Development, received an email from Scott Gilchrist and Caitlin Corbitt, 37 Crestview Terrace, who voiced concerns with the variance request. The board gave Mr. Paul a copy of the email and it has been entered into the minutes as Exhibit "A".

After a brief discussion, Member Haws motioned to deny the variance request for a five feet, six inches variance on the side property line for the purpose of constructing a garage, which would place the garage within two feet, six inches from the side property line instead of the required eight feet setback. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Meredith McCarthy and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 on a motion by Vice Chairman McCarthy, seconded by Chairman Spatafore and was unanimously approved.



Sam Spatafore, Chairman



Date