

CITY OF DECORAH  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
Minutes of July 7, 2014

Chair John Moeller called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and called roll. Present: John Moeller, Janelle Pavlovec and Jon Christy. Absent: Sue Sander and Steve Johnson Also in attendance: Chad Bird

Moeller asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 2, 2014 meeting.

**Christy moved and Pavlovec seconded approval of the minutes as presented.  
Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.**

The first item on the agenda was a request from Matt Stortz for 802 Sumner Street requesting permission to construct a commercial building addition contrary to M-2 Zoning requirements and encroach in the sideyard.

Mr. Stortz explained that he was proposing a building addition to the north of his existing building for the purpose of expanding his business. He currently owns the residential property to the north. He is asking for a 15' variance.

Bird noted that the property in question is actually a split zoned lot with the north being zoned residential and the south (adjoining) being zoned industrial.

Moeller closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

**Christy moved and Pavlovec seconded a motion to approve the application for a side yard variance.  
Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.**

The second item on the agenda was a request from Dave Reicks for 300 Sunrise Blvd requesting permission to construct a new single-family residence contrary to the R-2 Zoning requirements.

Mr. Reicks is proposing to construct a single family residence on this lot and is asking for a variance from the front-yard requirements due to the slope and topography in the rear-yard. The required set back is 35' and he is requesting an encroachment to 5'.

Bird noted that Mr. Reicks has also purchased all the surrounding lots in this plat and it is unlikely that there will be a ROW or Street that traverses this area.

Sharon Rossman, 1316 Blue Grass Drive noted that she is supportive of the proposed project and supported Mr. Reicks work in the area.

Moeller closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

**Pavlovec moved and Christy seconded a motion to approve the request for a variance for the front yard to 5'.  
Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.**

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There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. A. [unclear]".