

CITY OF DECORAH
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Minutes of March 7, 2016

John Moeller called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and the following answered roll.
Present: Jon Christy, Sue Sander, Janelle Pavlovec and Steve Johnson. Absent: none

Also in attendance: Zoning Administrator Chad Bird

Moeller asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting. No meeting was held in February.

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

The first item on the agenda was a request from Paul Cutting and Nathan Thompson for 707 East Broadway Street requesting permission to construct an accessory structure / detached garage contrary to the zoning regulations.

Mr. Cutting presented his applicant and noted the need for the variance. He indicated they are looking to rebuild the garage and are requesting a variance due to the existing garage's non-conformance. The application is seeking a 2 foot side-yard variance and a 2.5 foot height variance.

There were no public comments.

**Sander moved and Johnson seconded a motion to approve the variance application for a 3' side-yard setback and a 14.5' height allowance.
Roll call vote: Unanimously approved. Application is approved.**

In other Board action, the Board considered election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair. Moeller noted that board officer positions were up for re-election. Christy noted this item had been tabled from last month due to Moeller's absence.

Sander mentioned that the Board's rules limited terms for chair and vice-chair. The Board agreed to suspend their own rules in this regard.

After an appeal for nominations for chair and vice-chair; Johnson moved to appoint Moeller as chair and Sander seconded adding Johnson as vice-chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

