

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – Harlan, Iowa – 04/21/2021

The Board of Adjustment of the City of Harlan met pursuant to law and the rules of said Board in special session in the Council Chambers in City Hall at Noon on the 21st day of April 2021. Vice-Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order, and the following members were:

Present: Doug Hammer, Al Ickes, Ruthanne Grimsley

Present Electronically: Jennifer Kelly

Absent: Mike Christensen

Also Present: Zoning Administrator Gene Gettys, Board Secretary Renee Hansen, Building Inspector Roger Bissen, Amanda Retzlaff & Derek Sherlund.

It was moved by Ickes and seconded by Hammer that the agenda be approved.

Kelly asked that any conflicts of interest be stated.

It was moved by Grimsley and seconded by Ickes to approve the minutes from the 03/30/2021 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairperson Kelly announced that this was the date, time, and place for the public hearings regarding:

- a. **CASE BA2021-002** – an application by Application by Amanda Retzlaff, 605 Baldwin St. for a 0’ building variance for the west side yard.

Motion to open meeting by Grimsley and seconded by Hammer. Motion carried.

No objections were filed with City Hall.

Petitioner: Retzlaff answered questions from the Committee regarding size of the structure. The structure will be 16x36 and 12’ tall. The structure will stay 4’ from the south (rear) property line.

Gettys Zoning Admin: Explained R-3 zoning requires a 4’ setback for an accessory structure. The lot does not conform with current City Code which creates a hardship for the owner.

Neighboring property owners: None present.

It was moved by Grimsley and seconded by Hammer to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Grimsley and was seconded by Ickes to approve the application as presented.

Roll Call vote was had which was as follows:

Ayes: Hammer, Grimsley, Ickes, Kelly

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Discussion regarding current application to appeal to the Board of Adjustment. The Committee has directed the secretary to draw up a new application using a model presented by Gettys. This will be reviewed at the next meeting and action taken at that time.

Meeting adjourned.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion adjourned.

Renee Hansen, Secretary

Mike Christensen, Chairperson

These minutes are as recorded by the Secretary and are subject to Board approval at the next called meeting.