

Minutes of the Public Hearing & Meeting for the Board of Appeals held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 pursuant to notice duly given.

Mayor Heier called the public hearing to order at 4:45 p.m.

Present at the hearing were Ron Daul, Bob Heiser, Sheri Groll, John Wittkopf, William Carriveau, Mayor Heier, Joe Last, Attorney Calvert, Chief Josh Bostedt, Kevin Hamann, Todd Skarban, Administrator Perrizo and other interested parties.

Excused was Ken Hayes.

The agenda of the public hearing was:

Request from Oconto County, 301 Washington Street:

- Request for a variance from City Ordinance Sec. 13-1-26(c) to allow the construction of an emergency communications tower at a height of 199 feet at grade.

Ordinances Sec. 13-1-26 (c) states that no structure shall be constructed, altered, located or permitted to remain after such construction, alteration or location in excess of the height limit indicated on the "Height Limitation Zoning Map". In this case the allowable height limit under Ordinance Sec. 13-1-26(c) is 162 feet at grade.

Any and all persons or their agents for or against will be heard.

Mayor Heier asked three times for public input. None was received.

Moved by Wittkopf, seconded by Daul to close the public hearing at 4:46 p.m.

Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

5 ayes

1. The meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order by Mayor Heier at 4:47 p.m.
2. Roll Call was the same as above
3. Election of Chair
Daul nominated Groll, who accepted. Wittkopf seconded the nomination. Mayor Heier asked two more times for nominations and none were presented.

Moved by Wittkopf, seconded by Daul to close the nominations.

M/C

Moved by Wittkopf, seconded by Daul to elect Sherri Groll as Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

5 ayes

At this time, Sherri Groll took over running the meeting.

4. Approval of the agenda

Moved by Daul, seconded by Carriveau to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

5 ayes

5. Public Appearances/Correspondence
None.

6. Deliberation and decision by the Board of Appeals on Request from Oconto County, 301 Washington Street as stated above:

Wittkopf asked if internet reception would be interrupted by the height of the tower. Steve Pott, consultant for Oconto County, stated that there would be no impact. Wittkopf asked about a light on top of the tower. Hamann stated that, per the request of the Airport, a light will be installed. Calvert noted that the Airport Commission is fine with the tower as long as there is a 24/7 light on top. Heier questioned if the tower would interfere with helicopter flights going to the hospital. Hamann replied that they checked with the FAA and there would be no interference.

Perrizo asked about the existing, non-conforming tower at the courthouse. Hamann stated that it will stay there and nothing additional will be added to it.

Chief Bostedt feels that the new tower will be beneficial and is looking toward putting the fire department antenna on it as the existing location does not have a battery backup in place. Skarban explained that there will be a stand-alone Oconto fire frequency as a result of the new tower.

Wittkopf asked if there is a time frame for building the new tower. Potts stated that it must be built within one year of FAA approval.

Moved by Wittkopf, seconded by Daul to approve the variance request from Oconto County for 99 years contingent upon the Airport's request that a 24/7 light will be maintained at the top of the tower and that the existing communications tower will not be allowed to have additional communications equipment added and that all existing non-public safety communications equipment remain as is.

Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

5 ayes

7. Adjourn

Moved by Daul, second by Carriveau to adjourn.

M/C

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara J. Perrizo, Administrator