

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS COMMISSION MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 20, 2010, AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Bill Deutsch, Bill Parker, Richard Rook

ABSENT: Bill Powers, Butch Rister

OTHERS PRESENT: Sam Shaw (Code Inspector), Allan Napp (City Attorney), and Micky Heinold (Secretary)

Chairman Deutsch called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and asked for a roll call with 3 present and 2 absent. He introduced the commissioners.

Micky Heinold read the notice which was published in the newspaper, sent to all commissioners, and petitioner:

Christine Velloff is requesting a building variance from the required minimum ceiling height of 7 feet for an existing residential structure at 607 Stowell (rear), Alton, Illinois (as per 2003 International Property Maintenance Code-404.3, and as per Alton City Code 9-1-1).

Sam Shaw stated he was scheduled to make an occupancy inspection and found the ceiling height throughout the whole building to be too low at 6'7", which is 5" too short. Occupancy was denied due to that. Ms Velloff was told she would have to apply for a variance.

Square footage of the building is 550, a 3-room residential building for one occupant only. Angled roof with bottom of rafters right against the ceiling. At least 50 yrs old. Also, has a rental house in the front on the property, about 30' back.

Ms Velloff purchased the property 3 ½ years ago and the tenant was already living there. It has 2 separate entrances with all new windows.

Mr. Shaw stated the last inspection was in 2005 and passed by Ron Aldridge and Mark Plunkett. The prior inspection was 2001.

Allan Napp read from the Alton City Code 9-2-5, Building Board of Appeals.

Ms Velloff stated she remodels properties, owns 115 units now and does this for a living.

Motion was made by Bill Parker and seconded by Richard Rook for a building variance from the required minimum ceiling height of 7 feet for an existing residential structure at 607 Stowell (rear) Alton, Illinois, (as per 2003 International Property Maintenance Code-404.3 and Alton City Code 9-1-1).

Vote was 3 to 0 in favor
Adjourned 9:20 a.m.