

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING 7-7-08

The Board of Adjustment meeting was held July 7, 2008 at Norwalk Easter Public Library, 1051 North Avenue, Norwalk, Iowa. Chairperson Joe Smith called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. Members present at roll call were: Chad Stevens, Joe Smith, Jan Sparks and Steven Davidson. Members absent were: Christin Grant.

City Staff present were Christ Nosbisch, Community/Economic Development Director, Mike Johnson, Associate City Planner and Shelley Heisdorffer, Community Development Clerk.

**08-01** – Motion by Sparks and seconded by Stevens to approve the agenda as presented. Approved 4-0.

Chairperson Joe Smith welcomed all guests present and asked if anyone wished to speak on an item not on the agenda. With no one wishing to speak he moved on to the agenda items.

Mr. Smith asked staff in the future to refrain from giving recommendations on the agenda topics prior to the meeting. He would like everyone to come into the meeting with an open mind and their own questions and feels that will not be as easy to do with staff recommendations on the report.

The next item on the agenda is a two part item. It is a request from Holmes Automotive Group for two signage variances. The first variance pertaining to the square footage of the American flag they will have on display. Holmes is requesting a square foot variance approval to exceed the banner 80 square footage requirement in Norwalk City Code. The proposed flag is 600 square feet, which would require a total variance of 520 square feet.

The second variance is a flagpole height variance to exceed the flagpole height requirement of 3 feet required in Norwalk City Code. The proposed flagpole height is 80 feet, which would require a variance of 50 feet.

It was established that the flagpole isn't in a flight pattern for the airport, the ground lights will shine up on the flag and not anywhere else as to hamper sight on the highway, the flagpole will be 80 to 100 feet from the highway and it will have a 15 foot deep foundation to keep it from falling over during a storm.

The commission discussed the item.

**08-02** – Motion by Sparks and seconded by Stevens to approve request for variance of flag size requirement from 80 square feet to 600 square feet. Approved 4-0.

**08-03** – Motion by Stevens and seconded by Davidson to approve request for variance of flagpole height requirement from 30 feet to 80 feet. Approved 4-0.

**08-04** – Motion by Stevens and seconded by Sparks to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 P.M. Approved 4-0.

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Joe Smith, Chairperson

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Chris Nosbisch, Community/Economic Development Director