

SEVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

OCTOBER 26, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Carl Chudzinski called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. after The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Ed Steele, Terry Piatt, Mayors Office Manager Nancy Leonard, and Zoning Inspector Keki Vania

ABSENT: Kieran O'Rourke

Mayor Larry Landis and Council members Richard Barbera, Sue Frey, James Lovejoy and Ralph Smith were also in attendance.

A variance application was received from Ed Hantzche for a sign for Seville Insurance at 35 West Main. The applicant is asking for a variance to install a sign at his 35 West Main Street business. The zoning code allows an 18 inch projecting sign and a 36 inch projecting sign is being requested. The business is located in a local commercial zoning district.

Hantzche explained that his current sign consists of lettering in the front window, and it's not very visible from the street. The projecting sign that he wants will make it easier for customers to locate the business. Chudzinski said the challenge with the variance requests is to understand the hardship factor. He said the board needs to consider whether there are alternatives. Hantzche said several businesses on the same street have the type of signage that he is requesting. Commission members agreed.

Steele asked whether Hantzche considered installing an overhead sign flush with the building. Hantzche said he considered it, but it won't fit. There are trees in that area that would obstruct the view from the street.

Chudzinski asked board members if they had any other comments or input. No one spoke. Chudzinski made a motion to close the public hearing. Steele seconded, and the public hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

Chairman Carl Chudzinski

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