

**CITY OF MENASHA  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
140 Main Street, Menasha  
September 24, 2008  
MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Klein at 11:00 a.m.

**B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES**

PRESENT: Comm. Sanders, Koslowski, Zielinski, Eckstein, Klein

ALSO PRESENT: CA/HRD Brandt, AP Beckendorf, Clerk Galeazzi, Michael Austin

**C. MINUTES TO APPROVE**

A. Minutes of July 7, 2008

Moved by Comm. Sanders, seconded by Comm. Eckstein to approve minutes.

Discussion:

Motion carried on voice vote

**D. ACTION ITEM**

A. Request for Variance, Michael Austin – 121 River Street

CA/HRD Brandt swore in AP Beckendorf and Michael Austin.

Mr. Austin explained his need for the variance is to construct a two-car attached garage to the existing duplex. Currently there is no garage on the property. The existing structure does not have a basement and a larger garage would provide more storage for both sides of the duplex. He has checked other options. The garage would be in line with the neighbors.

AP Beckendorf gave a brief background on the property. The property was purchased from the City by Mr. Austin. He had the property rezoned from R-1, Single Family to R-2, Two Family. Staff had been opposed to the rezoning, but the Common Council approved the rezoning. Staff has recommended if he changes the depth of the garage a variance would not be required. Hardship would be hard to prove based on no storage space.

CA/HRD Brandt explained prevailing set back as referred to in the City Code.

Commissioners asked questions.

Moved by Comm. Klein, seconded by Comm. Eckstein to deny the variance as no hardship exists as the property is still functional.

Motion carried on roll call 5-0.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Comm. Eckstein, seconded by Comm. Sanders to adjourn at 11:20 a.m.

Motion carried on voice vote

Respectfully submitted by Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk