

CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS

70 Maple Street
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MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 1997

A special meeting of the Manistee Board of Appeals was held to hear a Construction Code Appeal on Monday, June 9, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 by Chairman Ed Grabowski.

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Johnson, R. Johnson, E. Grabowski,

MEMBERS ABSENT: E. Budnik, E. Gutowski, D. Jones, R. Tetsworth

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Esch (Earth Tech), Joe Bartz (Earth Tech), Rick Lovas (Ambar), John Kiefer (Building Inspector), Sid Scrimger, (Fire Chief), Jon Rose (Community Development Officer)

Grabowski introduced a request from Earth Tech on behalf of Ambar for a variance to Section 1010.02 of the State Building Code to allow the Bromine Process Plant to have only one exit from all floors except the first floor. Dan Esch explained that during operation, the building would not be occupied. He also said the length of travel from each floor to the stairway was much less than the maximum length of travel required by the Code.

John Kiefer stated that he had done the plan review on the project and has had no objections to the granting of this variance.

MOTION by R. Johnson with support by M. Johnson that a variance be granted to the requirements of Section 1010.02 and that Ambar be allowed a single exit from all stories above the first in the Bromine Processing Plant. Motion carried unanimously.

Grabowski introduced a request for a variance to Section 904.5 of the State Building Code which requires automatic fire suppression throughout all Use Group H fire areas.

Dan Esch explained that Bromine was highly reactive with water and that industry wide consensus was that a water fire suppression system created a highly dangerous situation. He also stated that there would be virtually no fuel in the building to support fire.

Dan Esch stated they would provide fire extinguishers throughout the building. Ambar will also install a Dry Stand Pipe System for fire suppression. This system could be connected to by the Fire

Department when they had established their was no presence of Bromine in the building.

Sid Scrimger stated that he had reviewed the plans and thought the proposal would give an equivalent level of protection against fire.

MOTION by R. Johnson with support by M. Johnson that a variance to the requirements of Section 904.5 of the State Building Code be granted with the requirement that a Dry Stand Pipe System be installed along with Co₂ fire extinguishers and a fire separation assembly between the mechanical room and the rest of the building. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by M. Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Jon R. Rose, Acting as Secretary