

## **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING**

### **October 15, 2014**

PRESENT: Hintz, Hutton, Roy, Sakrison, Stark

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: City Administrator Rich, Building Inspector Leahy

Sakrison called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Approve meeting minutes – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Motion made by Stark to approve the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minutes as presented, second made by Hutton. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Public hearing – variance (Alliant Energy – 506 Fenton Street)**

Sakrison opened the public hearing at 5:02 p.m. Monty Meeks, Security Consultant with Alliant Energy, was present to address the Board, requesting a variance to allow barbed wire on top of Alliant Energy's fence. The variance is to add three stands of barbed wire on top of the existing 7 foot fence at their operations facility at 506 Fenton Street, which is zoned R-3 (Multi-family). Meeks explained that safety is a concern, due to the wires, scrap metal, salvage bins, vehicles and trailers stored within the fenced area, especially with all the kids at the new apartments next door. The existing fence is 7 feet in height, and the barbed wire would add one additional foot. Current zoning prohibits fences in excess of 7 feet in height and also prohibits barbed wire. Roy inquired if there was an electrical hazard. Meeks stated no, not in the newly fenced in area. There is a substation on the site that does already have barbed wire. Hintz inquired about the kind of barbed wire. Meeks stated the same barbed wire that is on the substation, or what you would see on a farm, a 45 degree angle. Meeks sketched an outline of the fence location. There is one motorized vehicle gate and one manual gate. Alliant has had security issues prior to installing the fence and camera system, but no issues since the fence has been put in, which was about a month ago. Sakrison closed the public hearing at 5:08 p.m. Stark moved and Hutton seconded a motion to approve the request for variance. Motion carried 5-0.

With no further business before the Board, Roy moved and Hintz seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Sakrison declared the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rich  
City Administrator