

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS – February 20, 2014**

Mayor Bob Eschbach
City Council Members

Gentlemen:

A meeting of the Ottawa Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ottawa city council chambers. Members present were Charles Sheridan, Dan Bittner, Vince Kozsdiy, Aaron Battistelli and Todd Volker.

It was moved by Todd Volker and seconded by Dan Bittner to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the board held December 19, 2013. Motion unanimously passed.

The chairman opened the floor to new business and one request for a variance was heard:

A variance was requested for Lot 305 in Heritage Harbor development, Ottawa, commonly known as 2 River Row, owned by Jeff and Peggy Lovelady. Mr. and Mrs. Lovelady requested a side yard setback variance (Ottawa, Illinois Municipal Code Sec. 4-A-4c) in order to construct their home with a four-foot width external stairway. The side yard for Lot 305 is five feet in width. Constructing a four-foot width external stairway places the stairway within the five-foot setback, and leaves the stairway one foot away from the lot line.

Vince Kozsdiy moved to approve the variance, noting specifically that the unique location of Lot 305, being at the very end of the block and adjacent to a landscaping berm, permitted this variance, and that other lots would not allow this possibility. The motion was seconded by Dan Bittner and unanimously passed.

Dan Bittner moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Aaron Battistelli and the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.