

MINUTES
SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE BOARD
Wednesday, January 8, 2014
City Hall, Room 310
2:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dean Gerondale, Ben Heiman, Heidi Michel

EXCUSED: Renee Keehan, Kathy De Cremer

The meeting was called to order by Dean Gerondale.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion made by Ben Heiman to approve the December 11, 2013 Minutes, seconded by Heidi Michel. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. **APPEALS**

- b. Appeal of Ezra Callahan requesting to move to 1137 Cherry Street

Ezra appeared by telephone from the Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution. Dean Gerondale advised Ezra of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Ezra stated he will be released on Tuesday, January 14.

Dean Gerondale received a letter from B M Property Management giving Ezra permission to live at 1137 Cherry Street.

Ezra met the victim while they were in high school. He was a junior and she was a freshman. They dated approximately six months and did have sexual intercourse. They broke up a month after Ezra turned 17. He was charged with third degree sexual assault a year later and pled guilty. Ezra is currently incarcerated for failure to register. He was living at 702 N. Broadway but did not register because of a "dirty UA." He did not want to go back to prison. Ezra has been incarcerated since December 2011.

Ezra met with a psychiatrist at Dodge Correctional who determined treatment was not necessary.

Ezra would like to live with his sister at 1137 Cherry Street. He plans to look for a job or go back to school.

Heidi Michael asked Ezra if he still has an alcohol or drug problem. Ezra stated he does not.

A motion to approve the appeal of Ezra Callahan, address specific, was made by Heidi Michel, no second. Motion failed.

Dean Gerondale stated he would like to see if Ezra gets on the right track before allowing him to live here permanently.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Ezra Callahan, address specific, for a period of 90 days, was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Heidi Michel. All in favor. Motion carried.

- a. Appeal of Barry L. Watters requesting to move to 511 Newtols Street

Barry appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Barry of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Barry stated he has been living at 511 Newtols Street on and off for about a month and a half. He didn't come before the Board previously because he got reincarcerated. Barry last appeared before the Board in 2009 and was approved to live with his mother at 421 Quincy Street. Dean points out that court documents indicate he also lived at 115 Hazel Street. Barry stated this was only a mailing address.

Barry does not remember why he moved out of his mother's house. He is not currently employed and has no immediate plans for employment. He is hoping to get approval for financial aid at NWTC.

Dean Gerondale received a letter from Bradley Hopp objecting to Barry moving to this address. Mr. Hopp lives in the neighborhood and indicated Mr. Watters is already living at this address. An officer has been sent to this residence several times, but no one answers the door. Barry stated his sister owns the house. Dean asked if she is aware she could receive a \$500 per day fine for allowing Barry to live there. Barry stated his parole officer said he can house hop until he gets approval and that is what he's been doing. He has also stayed with his dad at 523 Spinnaker Street.

It is Mr. Hopp's opinion that Mr. Watters is incapable of following rules and laws. He currently has a Class A felony charge pending in State Court. Mr. Hopp also pointed out in his letter that this address is near Danz Elementary School.

Dean Gerondale asked Barry what will be different. Barry stated he is here because of a sexual assault charge and his other criminal history is not relative. Barry stated that if he is not approved, he will "house hop." Either way, he will be in this area.

Barry points out that he was 17 years of age when the sexual assault took place. He did not know the victim was 15 years old. Dean points out that the criminal complaint

states he had sex with the victim at least 75 times. Barry said they were two high school kids “doing what high school kids do.” The complaint also states the victim told Barry she was 15 years of age. Barry is not denying the offense, but claims her story is not accurate.

Heidi Michel asked Barry if his parole officer has approved him to live at this address, because she has not signed the appeal form. Barry stated she has approved it.

Barry asked if this meeting is to determine whether or not he will reoffend. Dean Gerondale stated the Board looks at all risk factors. Barry does not feel he is a risk because it was a mistake he made when he was a kid.

A motion to DENY the appeal of Barry Watters was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Ben Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Barry indicated he’s still going to be living there, on and off. Dean Gerondale stated his sister can be fined because the State of Wisconsin indicates he is living there.

3. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date of February 12, 2014 was confirmed. Heidi Michel stated she will not be present for this meeting.

A motion adjourn was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Ben Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.