

City of Olean
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Minutes for Zoning Board
Meeting held on July 28, 2016

1. Roll Call

Chairperson LaDorna Fox called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m. Thomas Enright read the roll call. All members were present.

Present:

- LaDorna Fox – Chairperson
- Shayne Certo
- Bob Moser
- Charlotte Hardy
- Thomas Enright

Staff:

- Kathleen Hewitt- Account Clerk Typist

1. Old Business

Reading and approval of July 14, 2016 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Bob Moser, seconded by Charlotte Hardy to approve the July 14, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

2. Public Hearing

(6:35 pm)

Thomas Enright read the application regarding 2513 W. State St. aloud requesting a Sign Variance: If granted it will vary from Article 11 Section 11.2.0.10, 11.2.2.2, and 11.2.4.1 of the Zoning law.

LaDorna questioned who was representing this variance. Nick Lyons was present. LaDorna questioned Nick to explain what they were looking to do. Nick responded they would like to replace the current sign with a new sign. He explained the bank is renaming its brand to “Northwest” bank. Nick explained the height will remain the same as it is currently and it will have a small message board to tell the date, time, temperature and weather. Charlotte Hardy questioned where the sign is going to be located and if people will have a hard time seeing around it. Nick responded the sign will be in front of the branch blg. Nick noted they were not putting it at the intersection due to it was previously suggested to not put it at the intersection.

Steve Bell stated he was also representing the sign variance. Steve noted he does not see a hindrance for viewing. Steve explained the bottom has a width of three (3) ft. the sign is on six (6) ft in width due to appropriate size to the base. Charlotte questioned if the sign will be a traffic issue. Steve responded no traffic will be looking into it to obstruct view. Steve noted currently nobody can see the sign very well. Nick noted he sees people slamming on their car breaks last second when they finally notice the sign causing more of a traffic safety issue. Charlotte questioned if they have statistics of the safety issue from this sign. Steve responded no just experience. Nick noted he has seen 4-5 car accidents from 26th street alone, and does not see any traffic issues.

LaDorna explained due to the sign’s location being so close to Route 417 the ZBA will have to refer this application to the county for approval. LaDorna noted once it has been approved by the county, the ZBA will then take a vote when it returns.

(6:55 pm)

Thomas Enright read the application regarding 106 S. Clinton St. aloud requesting an Area Variance: If granted it will vary from Article 6 Section 6.1 of the Zoning law.

Maureen Curry was present to represent the property. Maureen explained she has plans to put an addition to the back of the house. She explained it is an 8 x 10 addition to bring the washer and dryer from downstairs upstairs and install a walk in bathroom for personal use. LaDorna questioned if there is a building on the other side of the fence. Maureen responded the Genesis house parking lot is on the other side of the fence and no buildings. Mark white representing 125 S. Barry St. requested to review the proposed project. Mark questioned if a section or two (2) of fencing would have to be removed from the fence to get materials inside the property fence. Maureen noted she will speak with Mark regarding accessing the property.

LaDorna reviewed “Finding and Decision”

Public Hearing closed at 7:08 pm.

A MOTION was made by Shayne Certo, seconded by Thomas Enright to grant the Area Variance without conditions: Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Charlotte Hardy, seconded by Thomas Enright. Voice vote, ayes all, Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

The next Zoning Board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

