

Planning Board Minutes

March 4, 2024

The regular meeting of the Village of Pulaski Planning Board was duly held on March 4, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Snow Memorial Building, 4917 Jefferson Street, Pulaski, NY 13142.

Planning Board Members Present: Melissa Wadkinson, Chairperson; Ernie Wheeler, Commissioner; Janice Kozma, Commissioner; David Rockwell, Commissioner, and Margo Orton, Alternate.

Absent: None

Village Officials and Staff: Jan Tighe, Mayor; Cathy Spinney, Village Clerk Treasurer; John Howland, Code Enforcement Officer; and Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk.

Guest(s): Brandie Dana, Kim Lee, Jane Raven, Bev Snyder, Corey LaBlanc, John Parker, Mark Dobrzynski, Roy Smith, Shelley Joss, Joan Unson, Sherry and Vic Bushkirk, Mike Lasell, Linda Gilbert, Bruce Gilbert, Chuck Balcom, Kelly Balcom, Tiana Goudy, Sheri Miles, and Bonnie Finnerty.

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Melissa Wadkinson.

Agenda Item #2: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Minutes

David Rockwell made the motion to approve the minutes from February 5th, 2024. Ernie Wheeler seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Agenda Item #4: Code Officer Reports

A motion to approve the code officer monthly reports from February 2024 was made by David Rockwell. Ernie Wheeler seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Agenda Item #5: Old Business

A. Beverly Snyder – Bev’s Bakery 13 Glen Ave – Public Hearing

Ernie Wheeler made the motion to open the public hearing at 7:03 PM. David Rockwell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mike Lasell briefed the Board on the site plan and special permit application for a home occupation that Beverly Snyder submitted. Bev's Bakery intends to add to and renovate the home to create space at her home on 13 Glen Ave to bake commercially. He added that there are no changes from the month before. There will not be a store front.

There was no public comment.

Ernie Wheeler made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:04 PM with a second from David Rockwell. The motion passed with all in favor.

The motion for final approval of the site plan and special permit was made by Ernie Wheeler and seconded by David Rockwell. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Bonnie Finnerty DBA Vie La Belle – 4881 N. Jefferson Street – Public Hearing

Ernie Wheeler made the motion to open the public hearing at 7:04 PM. David Rockwell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bonnie Finnerty submitted a sign plan and a sign permit application to renovate and open a retail store at 4881 N. Jefferson Street. She intends to renovate the approximately 775 sq. feet on the first floor of the building.

There was no public comment.

Ernie Wheeler made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:05 PM with a second from David Rockwell. The motion passed with all in favor.

The motion for final approval of the site plan and sign permit was made by Ernie Wheeler and seconded by David Rockwell. The motion passed 4-0.

C. O'Reilly's – 3866 Rome Road – Public Hearing

Ernie Wheeler made the motion to open the public hearing at 7:05 PM. David Rockwell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Corey LaBlanc submitted a site plan and sign permit applications to open 3866 Rome Road as an automotive retail store. The store is currently a Family Dollar and there will be no on-site changes except for a concrete pad in the rear of the store for receiving.

The motion for final approval of the site plan and sign permit was made by Ernie Wheeler and seconded by David Rockwell. The motion passed 4-0.

Ernie Wheeler made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:14 PM with a second from David Rockwell. The motion passed with all in favor.

D. Dana Brandie – Mr. Subs - 4840 N. Jefferson

Dana Brandie submitted an amended site plan. She intends to reopen Mr. Subs. The previous month Jane Raven, a lawyer for Salmon River Properties of NC, addressed concerns her clients had about possible structural issues and roof leaks. The code enforcement officers have since inspected the buildings and concluded that fixing the leaks should include the owners of each of the two buildings working together to fix the roof. A report was submitted to Jane Raven with the full conclusions of the officers.

Ernie Wheeler made the motion for final approval of the site plan. David Rockwell seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Agenda Item #6: New Business

3808 LLC – 3808 Rome Road – Site Plan

Mike Lasell briefed the Board and answered many of the attendees' questions on the proposed retail NYS Licensed cannabis shop at 3808 Rome Road, on behalf of 3808 LLC. The interior will be renovated, and the exterior will receive some updates. The shop is licensed by NYS and will have strict security. The hours of operation will be Sunday through Thursday 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM, and Friday through Saturday 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM. A customer must be 21 years old. Per the Village Cannabis Law the proposed project does not require a special use permit. The Village Board opted to allow cannabis retailers to open in December of 2021 and the law addressing which zones the shops will have to be located. A 239 Review Submission will be sent to the county. The lighting, signage and site plan are within the codes. Mike Lasell will send the signage specifics to the Village Office. The Board reviewed the site plan and parts 2 and 3 of the SEQR. Ernie Wheeler made the motion to make a negative declaration on the SEQR with a second from David Rockwell. The motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Item #7: Other

Some members of the public had a question about rumors of immigrants being housed in a nearby hotel. It was noted that this was not true, and Oswego County currently has a ban in place.

Agenda Item #8: Adjournment

Ernie Wheeler made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM with a second from David Rockwell. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Planning Board Meeting will be held Monday April 1, 2024, 7:00 PM, at the Snow Memorial Building.

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Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk