

VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN  
PLANNING BOARD  
APRIL 21, 2022

PRESENT: Jeffrey Faiella, Chairman  
Eileen Absenger  
Tracey Armisto  
Jennifer Bakker  
Cindy Kempter, Village Clerk, Treasurer  
Sharon Murphy, Deputy Village Clerk  
Brian Cook, Building Inspector  
Peter Cook, Assistant Building Inspector

VIA ZOOM: Awilda Baez  
Marcus Serrano, Village Administrator  
Stephanie Porteus, Village Attorney  
George Pommer, Village Engineer  
David Garcia, Attorney for Mr. Calabro

OTHERS: Brian Calabro

This meeting was done live and via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jeffrey Faiella called the meeting of the Planning Board to order at 7:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Faiella called for a motion to accept the minutes of March 17, 2022 as written. A motion was made by Tracey Armisto, seconded by Jennifer Bakker, with all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

CALENDAR NO. 1-20-PB: Proposed Site Plan to Modify a Rear Yard Concrete Retaining Wall for Property at 226 Travis Avenue (Brian Calabro).

David Garcia stated that his understanding that the engineer and building inspector are on the same page with regard to the grading and work that was done. Assistant Building Inspector Cook has signed off on the work that has been done. Mr. Garcia said it is his understanding that Mr. Cook will be issuing the C of O. Village Engineer Pommer stated that there are two portions of the work going on. In the front of the site is the addition, and in the rear is the wall that was built and then rebuilt. Mr. Calabro

has taken one level of block down from the existing wall and built another wall behind it that meets the code. He also put up a fence and put in some plantings. Village Engineer Pommer looked at it on Wednesday and there were workers out there putting down top soil and seed. They had installed the decorative fence and put the decorative lattice in place. There will be some issues until the site is stabilized, but they put down erosion control mats and now have to wait for the grass to grow. Village Engineer Pommer advised that we need an as-built drawing to verify that what was installed was as per the plan, other than that they don't have any issues. Mr. Garcia stated they will have an as-built drawing to the Village within 14 days. Assistant Building Inspector Cook advised that Mr. Calabro has graded the area, planted seed, attached lattice to the wall, installed the fence and has put down mesh matting and seed to stabilize the soil and has supplied pictures of that. Mr. Cook has also taken pictures and at this point what has been presented is what has been done and is acceptable to the Building Department. Mr. Cook said that if the Planning Board accepts the appearance of the final presentation of the wall, then we can resolve the wall situation, close that out and move forward to issue a permit for the addition to the house.

A motion to close out the site plan to modify a rear yard concrete retaining wall was approved by Eileen Absenger, seconded by Tracey Armisto, with all in favor.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Faiella discussed moving Planning Board meetings from 7:30pm to 7:00pm. After discussion, a motion to change the Planning Board meeting to 7:00pm was made by Jennifer Bakker, seconded by Tracy Armisto, agreed to by Awilda Baez and Jeffrey Faiella and opposed by Eileen Absenger. The motion was passed to move Planning Board Meetings to 7:00pm.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm on a motion by Eileen Absenger, seconded by Jennifer Bakker, with all in favor. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 19, 2022.