

VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN
PLANNING BOARD
JANUARY 20, 2022

PRESENT: Jeffrey Faiella, Chairman
Eileen Absenger
Tracey Armisto
Awilda Baez
Jennifer Bakker
Marcus Serrano, Village Administrator
Stephanie Porteus, Village Attorney
Sharon Murphy, Deputy Village Clerk
Brian Cook, Building Inspector
Peter Cook, Assistant Building Inspector

OTHERS: Yolanda Infante, Dan McCarthy, Attorney for 170 Second Street

This meeting was done via Zoom and Zoom audio and is being conducted in accordance with Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022.

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 November 18, 2021 as written. A motion was made by Tracy Armisto, seconded by Jennifer Bakker, with all present in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

CALENDAR NO. 1-22-PB: Special Permit Application for Accessory Apartment for Property Located at 170 Second Street (Y. Infante)

Assistant Building Inspector Peter Cook gave a brief history of the property at 170 Second Street. The house was built in 1945. In 1959, it was given a pre-existing, non-conforming two-family status by the Planning Board. It kept that status until 1985 when the owner of the property, at that time, moved from the residence and did not live there for two years. At that point, the Planning Board rescinded the status of the house and returned it back to a one-family. Ms. Infante purchased the house 20 years ago. Ms. Infante would like to legalize the upstairs to have an accessory apartment. She meets the parameters for doing so. Assistant Building Inspector Peter Cook has inspected the

entire residence. There are two interior doors in the basement that need to be removed to keep it as an open floor plan. There is a bathroom in the basement that needs a permit. Ms. Infante has started the permit process to legalize the bathroom and fix the other few things that need to be addressed. Jennifer Bakker asked if Ms. Infante lives on the premises and who would be occupying the apartment. Dan McCarthy responded that yes, Ms. Infante lives there and her cousin will be living in the apartment. Chairman Faiella asked if a site plan of the house, garage and driveway will be available for the public hearing. Dan McCarthy replied that he will get that to the Planning Board before the public hearing.

A motion to hold a public hearing on February 17, 2022 was made by Eileen Absenger, seconded by Jennifer Bakker, with all in favor.

Ronald Timcoe stated that there have been multiple apartments in that house over the years. Chairman Faiella told Mr. Timcoe that there will be a public hearing on February 17 and if he has concerns to bring up as far as engineering or village violations he can bring them up at the meeting, as far as any public complaint that does not come to the Planning Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM on a motion by Eileen Absenger, seconded by Tracy Armisto, with all present in favor. The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 17, 2022.