

CITY OF OSWEGO, NEW YORK

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

April 20, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Brunschweiler, Anthony Pauldine, Michael Nicholson, Richard Lafond, and Chairman Clavelli.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matthew Brancato, Mark Donabella, and Connie Ryan.

Chairman Clavelli called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday April 20, 2021. Roll call was duly noted.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 2021 meeting was made by Richard Lafond and seconded by Chairman Clavelli; minutes unanimously approved.

Chairman Clavelli made a motion that all actions taken tonight are excluded, exempt or Type II actions for the purpose of the State Environmental Quality Review Law unless otherwise stated. Motion seconded by Anthony Pauldine; unanimous approval.

Chairman Clavelli stated we have a quorum tonight.

Jeff McGann said just under a year ago they passed a special permit for Jacoby Crouch. He said it was a special permit for an internal conversion of a garage to have an apartment above it. He said he has never acquired a building permit. He said he has done some work on it and they had to stop him. He said they've had some trouble with debris and garbage on the property as recently as last week. He said they had to send a letter out. He said he has recently bought some other property with a partner and they have already had to go clean up two of those properties. He said he hasn't really shown any sign of compliance or willingness to do the right thing. He said in the minutes of that meeting Chairman Clavelli had addressed that it was an eyesore down there and asked if he was going to clean it up and turn it around. He said Mr. Crouch had promised that he would. He said it has been almost a year. He said he would like to do a formal appeal at May's meeting to look at repealing the special permit. He said that will give the Board members a chance if they want to talk to him or go by the property. He said he did clean up quite a mess yesterday because he was given a time limit of today or the City would have it cleaned up for him which would've been costly. Anthony Pauldine said it would give him an opportunity to come in and speak. Jeff McGann said absolutely. He said he can come in and present his case. He said he just thinks they need to hold him accountable one way or another. He said he thinks this was right before they started putting time frames on stuff so if they decide to hear him out and go forward they can add a deadline.

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RESOLUTION

CASE NO: 21-29

IN THE MATTER OF: Jason Cotter

WHEREAS, Jason Cotter, owner of property situate in a TN1, Traditional Neighborhood 1 Zoning District in the 2nd Ward of the City of Oswego, New York, with address 214 East Bridge Street, being Tax Map Number: 128.42-04-04, has applied for a Side Yard Setback Area Variance in accordance to Section 280-12(C) of the City of Oswego Code, to allow for the construction of a new 16x35 carport and;

WHEREAS, due public notice having been given of a Hearing on said matter to be held on the 20th day of April 2021 and the applicant having appeared and no one appearing in opposition.

Jason Cotter of 214 East Bridge Street was present for the discussion. Mr. Cotter said he is looking to get a 3 foot variance to build a carport. Chairman Clavelli said it is a big open lot and it looks nice. He asked if there were any questions from the audience and no one came forward. Anthony Pauldine asked if the alderman had any comments. Jeff McGann said he spoke to Councilor Burridge. He said Councilor Burridge spoke with the neighbors. He said the property is L-shaped and banks Bridge Street and Merrick Street. He said he currently has a driveway coming in from Bridge Street. He said his plan is to make the driveway come in off of Merrick Street and eventually remove the driveway on the other side possibly somewhere down the line. He said the neighbor to the west of him on Merrick Street is not excited about it. He said they were notified about this but are not here tonight to oppose it. He said her only reason was she has been looking at a green piece of grass for years and now there is going to be a garage there. He said she is not here to fight it nor has she reached out to him. He said when Councilor Burridge went around the neighborhood she stated she was disappointed she was not going to have an open lot next to her.

RESOLVED, that a Side Yard Setback Area Variance be granted to allow for the construction of a new 16x35 carport.

MOTION MADE BY ZONING BOARD MEMBER: Mark Brunschweiger

SECONDED BY ZONING BOARD MEMBER: Anthony Pauldine