DRAFT Town of Oneonta **Zoning Board of Appeals** Meeting Minutes December 16, 2024

Present: D. MacClintock, K. Wilde Chairman Prouty, L. Sause (Clerk) **Absent:** D. Allison, A. Black, R. Panasci (Attorney) **Others:** Tasi Karabinas

A. Roll Call:

- Chairman Prouty called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and called for the roll.
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2024 at 7:00pm

B. Minutes:

<u>November 25, 2024</u> **MOTION:** A motion was made by D. MacClintock and seconded by K. Wilde to approve the minutes as presented **DISCUSSION**: None **VOTING:** Unanimous. Motion Carries.

C. New Applications: None

D. Public Hearings:

NSN & PK Realty, Special Sign Permit Tax Parcel No: 300.11-1-7.00 5001 St. Hwy 23, Oneonta, NY Zoning: HDD (Highway Development District)

The applicant is requesting a special sign permit to allow off premises advertisement on the bottom portion of their existing freestanding digital sign (9'x20'). Allowable # of signs: 1 freestanding sign per lot

Allowable area of signs: 250 SF max per sign allowed

Allowable height: 35 feet above finished grade

The proposed signs need special permit approval because:

1. Off premises signage and advertisement is not allowed in the Town of Oneonta (TC 76-6(i).

The public hearing opened at 6:15pm and Chairman Prouty read aloud the notice from the Daily Star. Tasi Karabinis appeared for the application regarding the digital sign at the Wellnow Plaza. He would like to expand the content of messages that can be displayed on the existing sign, to include sales of content from other businesses that are not on the premises. The hardship is that the code limits the messages displayed to only businesses on site. Mr. Karabinis stated that he believes that the sign will generally comply and will be in general harmony with the neighborhood, as it is zoned commercial and there are other signs. He is open to displaying state and community messages and amber alerts as well. The public hearing closed at 6:25pm.

The board determined that there would be no negative effects and would like Mr. Karabinis to contact the state to work with law enforcement to display state alerts.

MOTION: A motion was made by D. MacClintock and seconded by Chairman Prouty to approve the Special Sign Permit with the stipulation that Mr. Karabinis attach to alert systems from the state police. **DISCUSSION**: None **VOTING:** Unanimous. Motion Carries.

E. Public Hearings: *None*

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm. Laura Sause,

Clerk of the Zoning Board of Appeals