**Planning Board September 1, 2015 Work Session Minutes**

**Held at the Aurora Firehouse Meeting Room at 6:00 pm**

**Present:** Chair Pat Bianconi, Pat Foser, Michele Murphy, Pam Sheradin, and Frank Zimdahl

**Others Present:** Village Clerk Ann Balloni, Mayor Bonnie Bennett, and Inns of Aurora Project Engineer Ted Kinder

**Call to Order:** Chair Bianconi called the work session to order at 6:02 pm.

Issues discussed included:

* Meeting procedures and the Open Meetings Law
* Renovating Lafayette Street at the Inns of Aurora expense through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Village
* Include storm water replacement pipes and repair catch basins on Lafayette and innovative curbing on Cherry Ave with the Lafayette renovation project
* Issuing a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to allow the Inns of Aurora to use Court Street parking to satisfy the parking requirements for Wallcourt to open ahead of the Lafayette Street project
* Potential modifications to the Wallcourt project parking plan
* Alternatives to the presented modifications for the parking at Wallcourt
* Parking ideas/plans to satisfy the parking needs for all the Inns of Aurora properties, such as:
1. Pocket parking behind the Fargo
2. Parking for the Aurora Free Library in the Jane Morgan’s Little House lot
3. Designating the Inns of Aurora lot, north of the post office, for their employees/patrons only
4. Keeping the Sherwood Road parking plan on the table
* Possible ideas for the remainder of the properties owned by Pleasant Rowland, such as:
1. Renovate Shakelton’s Funeral Home into a spa
2. Create an event center off the north side of Sherwood Road near the village/town boundary
3. Remodel Taylor House as a museum
* A master plan for all the Inns of Aurora properties so the Planning Board has a clear understanding of their long range planning goals
* Include the Village attorney and engineer in all further discussions of large projects

Mayor Bennett stressed the significant savings to village taxpayers by the Inns of Aurora renovating village infrastructure at their expense, though not all Planning Board members were comfortable with the project.

Chair Bianconi asked for an informal straw poll of each member if they were to cast a vote regarding the parking modifications for the Wallcourt project, which resulted as follows:

Bianconi – Aye

Foser – Abstain

Murphy – Aye

Sheradin - Aye

Zimdahl – Nay

On motion by Sheradin, seconded by Foser, the Planning Board voted to adjourn the work session at 8:15 pm.

AYES: Bianconi, Foser, Murphy, Sheradin, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni

Village Clerk