**Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes March 9, 2016**

The meeting was held at the Aurora Firehouse meeting room at 7:00 pm

**Present:** Chairperson John Dentes, Karen Hindenlang, Laura Holland (alternate), Ann Tobey, and Marie Taylor

**Absent:** Jeri Vargo

**Others Present:** Village Clerk Ann Balloni, Inns of Aurora representative Alex Schloop, and village resident Tom Gunderson

**Call to Order:** Mr. Dentes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Changes to the Agenda:** The public hearingfor Application #14-41 is postponed due to a death in the family of the village code enforcement officer.

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Taylor, seconded by Hindenlang, the ZBA voted to approve the January 13, 2016 minutes.

AYES: Dentes, Hindenlang, and Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Holland & Tobey

Motion carried.

**Announcements:** Ms. Balloni reminded the board of the upcoming training at BOCES in Auburn on March 16, 2016. Ms. Hindenlang, Ms. Taylor, and Ms. Tobey plan to attend.

**Visitor Welcome:** Mr. Dentes welcomed all visitors and there were no comments.

**Old Business:** No Old Business was discussed.

**Public Hearing**

**Application #16-06 from the Inns of Aurora for a request for an Area Variance at 38 Lafayette St.**

Mr. Dentes called the public hearing to order at 7:07 pm and there were no comments.

On motion by Hindenlang, seconded by Taylor, the ZBA voted to close the public hearing for Application #16-06 at 7:08 pm.

AYES: Dentes, Hindenlang, Holland, Taylor, and Tobey

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**Application #16-06 from the Inns of Aurora for a request for an Area Variance at 38 Lafayette St.**

Mr. Schloop described two 2-sided signs, one facing north-south on Main St and one facing east-west on Lafayette St, as well as an “Exit Only” sign on court St.

Village Code Enforcement Officer, Patrick Doyle, issued a denial of Application #16-06 citing section 406E.1.a of the village zoning law that states only one freestanding sign is allowed for a single-occupancy commercial Building.

Mr. Dentes questioned Mr. Sloop about the exact placement of the signs and asked the committee members to consider whether variances related to the number and size of the signs might also be required. Committee members were reluctant to consider issues not raised by the Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Dentes asked Mr. Schloop if he would be agreeable to tabling the discussion until the next ZBA meeting. Mr. Schloop agreed as this will allow him time to precisely locate the signs on the site plan and provide Mr. Dentes time to talk with Mr. Doyle.

On motion by Hindenlang, seconded by Dentes, the ZBA voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm.

AYES: Dentes, Hindenlang, Holland, Taylor, and Tobey

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni

Village Clerk