

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees November 30, 2021, Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Bonnie Bennett, Trustees Grace Bates, Matt Bianconi, Janet Murphy, and Jim Orman (6:28)

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni, CPP member Claire Morehouse, Planning Board member Pat Foser, ZBA members Karen Hindenlang & Laura Holland, and Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

Members of the Public: Jodi Bennett, Carmen Boyce, Caroline Burch, Marie Dentes, Jaci Farlow, Tee-Ann Hunter, Ken Larson, Tracy Leffingwell, John Miller, Michelle Miller, Milene Morfei, Ellen & George Schaffer, Ann Tobey, John Wendler, Ann Wiley, "Steve", "Stacy", and other unidentified attendees

Call to Order: Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to open the Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Dr. Linda Schwab (comments attached): Dr. Schwab pointed out inconsistencies with the plan and village law, the land use maps, and property designations.

John Miller: Mr. Miller agreed with Dr. Schwab and added that decisions can only be based on accurate information. Mr. Miller recommended a timeline of needs and questioned if this is "the final plan."

Marie Dentes: Ms. Dentes noted that priorities should be better organized and any changes to the document should be highlighted in each version.

Ken Larson (comments attached): Mr. Larson spoke on behalf of the Aurora Historical Society. Mr. Larson addressed the need for Village archival records storage along with the mention of a village hall/community space, and suggested language to include in that section of the plan.

Tee-Ann Hunter (comments attached): Ms. Hunter asked for clarification on land use for Wells College campus

On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to close the Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing at 6:24 p.m.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bennett informed the trustees that the village attorney, Tom Blair, reviewed the draft plan and had some suggestions for the trustees to consider. The trustees agreed to have a work session on December 4 at 10:00 a.m. for discussion of Mr. Blair's thoughts.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, Murphy, and Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk