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Dear Village Board,

We would like to voice our opinion, on the record, regarding the flat fee for users based on Equivalent Dwelling Units(EDUs). While we understand and accept the severity and enormity of Wells College closing and the obvious impact it has on the water and sewer rates in our Village, we disagree with the suggestion in a previous meeting that the residents should absorb more of the costs for commercial businesses beyond the current flat fee we have of \$372.75/quarter.

As you know, our Village is comprised of a large population of senior citizens and seasonal use homeowners. Our family has been a Seasonal cottage homeowner, beginning in 1955 and because of our love for this Village, has had younger generations purchase seasonal use properties over the last several decades, **none of which are investment properties generating rental income.** Our family of homeowners also include senior citizens which would struggle to meet the burden of \$3000 or more per year in water/sewer charges, given the tax burden they already have.

The concern for the Commercial Properties, primarily the Inns of Aurora, and quite frankly anyone that manages Short Term property rentals in the Village, is misplaced given the income generating factor as well as ability to write off on their taxes, these establishments have. The Inns were given large tax breaks during their remodeling and early investment days and generate a multi-million dollar revenue annually with over 200 employees. Their current fees for a one-night stay range from \$700-\$1100 or more. They have and will continue to make a healthy income on nightly stays and events, thus should bear more of the burden for the water/sewer as they are the largest users. Clearly, anyone who is in the position of renting their home should expect to pay more than an individual resident/homeowner not renting their home.

The Inns of Aurora have a successful, established business, made off the beauty, location, and history of this Village. They are not going to fold up shop and leave if asked to pay what is obviously a larger, more appropriate amount for water and sewer for their guests and the operations of their businesses.

We hope there is an update to the letter dated April 3, 2025, to Governor Hochul asking for assistance that you can share with the Residents. Please include our letter in your next Board of Trustees meeting on the record discussing this matter.

Thank you,
Jean and Bruce Spiegel, Marsha Signorelli

