

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes, July 23, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor James Orman, Trustees Matt Bianconi, John Miller and Janet Murphy

Absent: Trustee Balloni

Others Present:

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni, ZBA Chair Karen Hindenlang, Historian Dr. Linda Schwab, and Treasurer Christine Tanner

Aurora Historical Society: President Shirley Egan and Treasurer Ken Larson

Call to Order: Mayor Orman called the special meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Patrick Tavern NYSDOT Permit: Mayor Orman received a traffic report from M&P Engineering and Land Surveying, PLLC (attached) determining that the planned replacement of a porch on the front of Patrick Tavern will not interfere with traffic on the corner of Dublin Hill Road and State Route 90. Given the determination, Mayor Orman is prepared to sign the New York State Department of Transportation permit approval.

Trustee Miller complained that the traffic study was government overreach, not discussed previously in a public meeting, a waste of time and money, and the Village cannot afford the \$2,200.00 cost of the study. Mayor Orman explained that the village attorney raised liability concerns and that the engineer's report protected the trustees from personal liability if something happened. Mayor Orman added that they are discussing it publicly now and the Village scheduled a special meeting as quickly as allowable per Open Meetings Law requirements for the benefit of the applicant.

On motion by Trustee Miller, second by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to authorize Mayor Orman to sign off on the NYSDOT permit for the Patrick Tavern Project.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Balloni

Motion carried.

Ms. Balloni requested that Mayor Orman compel the Village Zoning Enforcement Officer to complete needed measurements for the appeal application for the Patrick Tavern project. The ZBA and the Village Attorney have noted that the ZBA cannot decide on the applicant's area variances request until the ZEO completes and documents the information. Mayor Orman agreed.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Murphy, second by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adjourn the special meeting at 11:05 a.m.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Balloni

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni

Village Clerk