



MINUTES
March 17, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tiffany Beebee (Auburn); Patricia Bianconi (Aurora); Dave Lipiska (Brutus); Donald Wilson, Jr. (Cayuga); Debra Rose (Fair Haven); Debbie Ross (Ledyard); Donald Francis (Locke); Carol Fordyce (Montezuma); Paul Nelson (Moravia); Tamara Severson (Niles); Darrin Rooker (Port Byron); Tom Higgins (Scipio); Jeremy Bacon (Sennett); Henry Wild (Springport); Brian Stout (Summerhill); Ed Denton (Venice); Louise Hand (Victory); and Chris Yorkey (Union Springs).

OTHERS PRESENT

David Nelson (County Planning Staff).

Greg Colucci (County Planning Staff).

1. CALL TO ORDER

David Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm via 8x8 software.

2. INTRODUCTIONS BY MEMBERS

David Nelson introduced all members present.

3. INTERNAL BUSINESS

a. Approval of Minutes from November 4, 2020 Meeting:

Motion by Darrin Rooker (Port Byron) to approve the minutes. Seconded by Patricia Bianconi (Aurora). All members vote AYE. Motion carried.

b. Nominations for Officers for 2021:

Chairperson: Motion by Darrin Rooker (Port Byron) to nominate himself. Seconded by Carol Fordyce (Montezuma). All members vote AYE. Motion carried.

Vice Chairperson: Motion by Patricia Bianconi (Aurora) to nominate herself. Seconded by Carol Fordyce (Montezuma). All members vote AYE. Motion carried.

Secretary: Motion by Patricia Bianconi (Aurora) to nominate Debbie Ross (Ledyard); Seconded by Donald Wilson, Jr. (Cayuga). All members vote AYE. Motion carried.

4. ISSUES OF COUNTYWIDE IMPORTANCE

a. County Planning Department Updates:

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- The department has filled two vacant planning positions – a Land Use Planner and an Environmental Resources Planner and they will be starting in April and June, respectively.
- Staff is working with the Town of Cato to update their Zoning Ordinance
- The Sterling Nature Center REDI project is continuing to move forward. There will be new visitor center, improved trails, and an improved parking lot with permeable pavement.
- Staff continues to work on two Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs – one in the Village of Cayuga and the other in the Town of Sterling and Village of Fair Haven (joint project).
- A flood study is nearing completion for the portion of the Enlarged Erie Canal between Schasel Park in the Village of Port Byron and Aqueduct Park in the Town of Brutus, as part of the Erie Canal Re-Watering and Trail Connections Project.

b. Review of Minutes of the GML 239-1, m & n Committee: No discussion

5. LOCAL STATUS REPORTS

Auburn:

- The Downtown Redevelopment Initiative has provided funding for a new public safety building and a development on State Street.

Moravia (village):

- Currently working on updating the Comprehensive Plan
- There's currently an issue with a business on Route 38 that has been cited by the Federal Government for environmental reasons.

Niles:

- Currently working on a cell tower law
- A solar facility is being reviewed

Port Byron:

- A proposed housing project on Church Street is now shovel-ready

Summerhill:

- Currently working on updating the Comprehensive Plan, the Town Board will be reviewing it this month.

Union Springs:

- New Dollar General opened in January

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- Currently a site plan under review for an expansion of the Cayuga Nation casino.
- Currently working on updating the Comprehensive Plan
- A 5 megawatt solar facility will be developed on Spring Street.

Venice:

- Currently working on updating the Comprehensive Plan
- There is a proposed methane gas project for a farm that will be reviewed soon.

Victory:

- Currently working on updating the Zoning Ordinance
- There is a moratorium on telecommunication tower development and the Town is currently working on updating their telecommunication tower regulations.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Carol Fordyce (Montezuma) to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Patricia Bianconi (Aurora). All members vote AYE. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Greg Colucci (staff).