

## MINUTES

**TOWN OF YORKVILLE  
JOINT TOWN BOARD/PLAN COMMISSION  
UNION GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – SMALL GYM  
1745 MILLDRUM STREET, UNION GROVE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018**

### Call to Order

Town Board Chair Peter Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

### Roll Call

The following Town Board members were present: Peter Hansen, Sherry Gruhn and Terrence McMahon. The following Plan Commission members were present: Peter Hansen, Sherry Gruhn, Gary Fink, Douglas Nelson, Barbara Geschke, Robbie Funk and Dan Maurice. Also present were Darren Fortney representing Short Elliott Hendrickson, Clerk-Treasurer Michael McKinney and approximately 160 unidentified attendees.

### New and Unfinished Business – Discussion and possible action on all of the following:

**Public Hearing** - The Town Board and Plan Commission held a joint public hearing to hear public comment on a proposed amendment to the Town of Yorkville's comprehensive plan as contained in the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Racine County: 2035

Hansen opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Darren Fortney provided a summary of the most recent proposed changes to the comprehensive plan land use map, including updates to the boundaries of the Urban Reserve land use area and the change of the residential land use area from Medium-Density Residential to Low-Density Residential.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to this proposal:

- Dwight Dreger, 15540 Braun Road
- Caroline Bergs, 613 51<sup>st</sup> Drive
- Joseph Bergs, 613 51<sup>st</sup> Drive
- Arthur Lechner, 15418 Spring Street (CTH C)
- William Jaeck, 2910 Forest View Circle
- Jolene Verwey, 5104 Crystal Lane
- Martin Haas, 14825 Braun Road
- Jeffrey Kutka, 5215 Crystal Lane
- Christine Celeste, 1943 Deane Boulevard, Racine
- Michael Kis, 4904 Crystal Lane
- Frances Kis, 4904 Crystal Lane
- John Ames, Jr., 14722 Braun Road

- Erin Pugh, 14505 County Line Road (CTH KR), Paris
- Daryl Poisl, Sr., 14814 County Line Road (CTH KR)
- Kirk Weese, 15910 Durand Avenue (STH 11)
- Norris Richardson, 4325 Woodland Trail
- Marguerite Richardson, 4412 Woodland Trail
- James Fox, 1404 South Colony Avenue (USH 45)
- Jo Ann Halladay, 1904 51<sup>st</sup> Drive
- Vickie Stellato, 5115 57<sup>th</sup> Drive
- Jean Urry, 16520 Washington Avenue (STH 20)

Comments in opposition to this proposal focused on concerns related to the following issues:

- Potential impact on the quality of life and the Town's rural atmosphere
- Potential impact on property values
- The use of eminent domain
- The likely increase in population
- That the Town should consider expanding its existing water and sewer facilities before connecting to Racine and Mount Pleasant
- Lack of communication with residents on the proposed changes
- That this plan should only be considered once the Town incorporates as a village
- Potential impact on the quality of local schools
- Potential impact on environmentally sensitive areas

The following individuals spoke in support of this proposal:

- David Flannery, 5006 South Sylvania Avenue
- Stacey Piper-Milkie, 14601 Braun Road
- George Melonas, 2401 North Colony Avenue

Comments in support of this proposal focused on the following issues:

- The inevitability of development in the Town
- The need to extend water and sewer service west of I-94

With no other comments forthcoming, Hansen closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

***Motion (Nelson, Gruhn) to adjourn, Motion Carried (MC).*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. The next scheduled Town Board meeting is Monday, January 22, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Michael McKinney  
*Clerk-Treasurer*