

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF AVON PLANNING BOARD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016
7:00 PM, VILLAGE HALL**

I. ATTENDANCE

Paul M. Drozdziel, Chairman
Marilyn Borkhuis
Patrick McCormick
William Wall (7:35 PM)

ABSENT

Kevin O'Donoghue

QUORUM, 4 Present, 1 Absent

ALSO

Anthony Cappello, Code Enforcement Officer
Brian Glise, Fire Marshal

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: McCormick moved for approval of the minutes of the meetings of September 20 and November 15, seconded by Borkhuis. Voting in favor were: Drozdziel, Borkhuis and McCormick. Voting against were: none.

CARRIED, 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Code Enforcement

Drozdziel asked Cappello and Glise if there were any news from the code enforcement side.

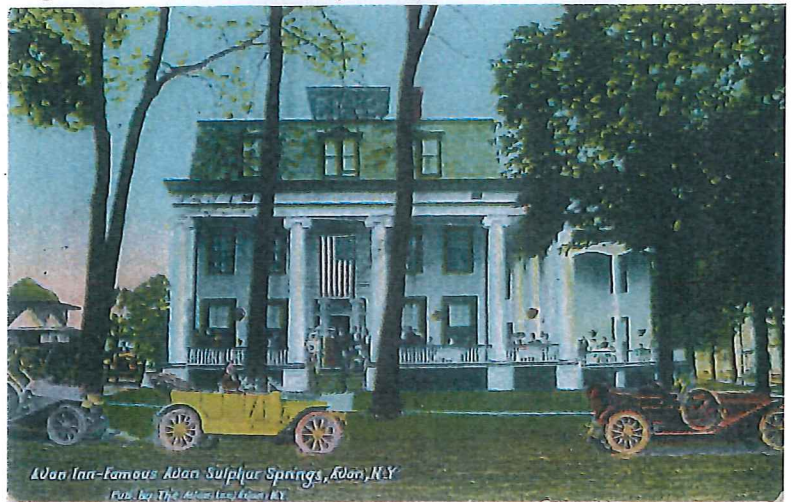
AVON INN – permit for parties

55 East Main Street
Avon, NY 14414

James & Jennifer Krause of 1965 Federal Road, Linwood, purchased the Avon Inn from Linda Moran and Richard Bourns in 2016. The Village Board authorized Mayor Thomas Freeman to seek \$500,000 from the Restore New York Communities Initiatives program September 26, 2016, on the Krause's behalf to help them with rehabilitation of the Inn.

The Inn had been built in the 1820's and served as a hotel, restaurant and reception hall through the village's golden age of the Sulphur springs. Moran had operated the establishment for 33 years prior to her retirement in 2015. The Inn had closed at the end of that year.

Over the years, the Inn has hosted such



famous and influential Americans as the “Four Vagabonds” Harvey Firestone, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and John Burroughs as well as the “Great Kate” Katharine Hepburn.

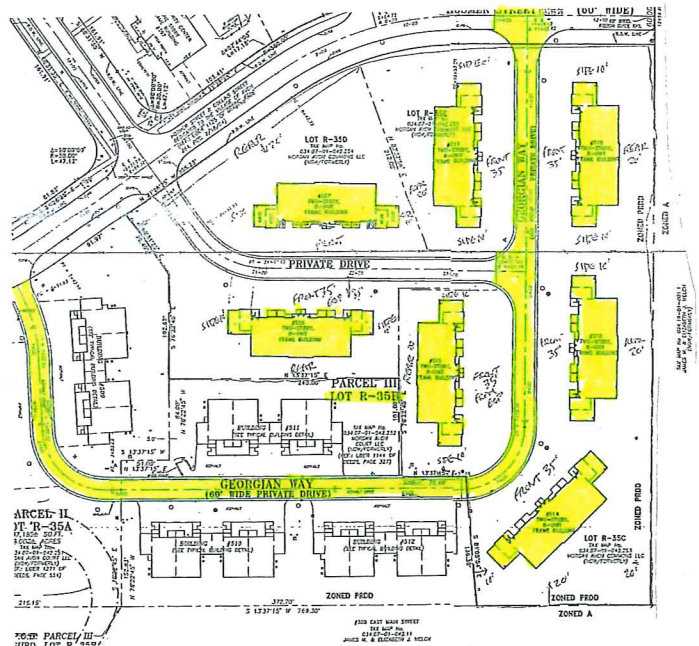
Cappello told Board members the Krause’s were interested in a special permit, allowing them to host parties in the Inn’s two dining rooms, but not the bar.

MORGAN COLLINS APARTMENTS LLC – new apartments

Morgan Avon Court LLC
 Avon Commons Lot R-35
 Georgian Way & Collins Street
 Avon, NY 14414

The construction of seven 8-unit apartment buildings on Georgian Way and Collins Street had been proposed in 2004. The developer had recently picked-up building permit applications. Drozdziel asked Cappello if there were any further word on them.

The OK had been given for the developer to obtain financing, Cappello responded, adding Morgan Avon Court LLC appeared anxious to get moving on the new apartments.



AVON FREE LIBRARY – major renovations

143 Genesee Street
 Avon, NY 14414

McCormick understood the library had planned major renovations and asked Drozdziel, a member of the library’s Board of Trustees, about them.

Hbt Architects of Pittsford had been hired to come in, Drozdziel responded. The library had one conference room with an adjoining 8-foot storage room. They planned on removing the wall between them and consolidating the two rooms.

There would be new LED lighting and a 10-foot X 10-foot study room, he continued. They also planned on rearranging the shelving and moving their computers around. Patron computers are presently clustered in the center of the library.

The library also planned to add a fire alarm system, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors throughout with LED lighting at the exits, Drozdziel said.

\$126,000 had been obtained in state funding with additional “Bullet Aid” procured by State Senator Patrick M. Gallivan of the 59 District, Drozdziel said. The library would be fundraising for the balance of their needs, technology, etc, the chairman remarked.

STREET LIGHTING – downtown darkness

Light Emitting Diodes (LED)
 VS High Pressure Sodium (HPS)

The village can buy back street lighting from National Grid, Drozdziel opened. The village can negotiate with the power company to go with LED lighting rather than high pressure sodium – there’s an opportunity there, he added.

The village took high pressure sodium out of the Circle Park and replaced them with LED, Wall said.

Downtown lighting seems very dark, McCormick contended.

Generally speaking, LED streetlights are said to require less wattage to produce comparable light to high pressure sodium, for instance a 280-watt LED fixture is said to produce about the same amount of light as a 400-watt HPS streetlight.

Furthermore, LED streetlights produce white light with softer gray shadows while their HPS counterparts tend to produce yellow light with much more distinct shadows. LED streetlights are also said to last longer and require less maintenance than HPS.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing presented.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: McCormick moved for adjournment at 7:47 PM, seconded by Borkhuis. Voting in favor were: Drozdziel, Borkhuis, McCormick and Wall. Voting against were: none.

CARRIED, 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Gary Margiotta
 Deputy Clerk