

Zoning Board
Town of Augusta
April 21, 2025
Public Hearing

Members present: Paul Sykes(chair), Keith Williams, Ernest Staelens, Daniel Brogan, Pete Wilcox and Anne Brown-Sec.

Guests: Mark Russell, Wayne & Diane Cross, Robert Blunt, John Schlabach, Tim Stoltzfus, Rudy Shelter

Public Hearing called to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Paul read the public notice and advised how the meeting would be run and gave the date the public hearing would be closed as April 28th(remains open for any written public comments)

Rudy went over the details for the proposed Auction Barn at 2342 North RD. The building will be 70 x 120 with an additional 36 x 36 space for offices. It will be open 2 days a week to start. Anyone would be allowed to buy and sell at the Auction Barn.

Mark Russell is in support of the project and feels it will be good for the farming community.

Mr. & Mrs. Cross were concerned about the parking, wanted to know if people would be parking on the side of the road or if there was going to be a parking lot. Rudy & Tim advised that there would be a gravel lot. Their other concern was the trailer and unsightly area. Rudy advised that Jacob still has some time but that it would eventually be cleaned up.

Robert Blunt was enthusiastic in his support of the project. Stated that this could bring in a significant amount of income for all the local farmers. He gave examples of what he has seen at the produce auctions he has been a part of. Advised the board to look up Finger Lakes Produce Auction online.

John Schlabach is a member of the Canastota Amish community and said he agrees this could be a very positive idea and bring in fair trade and marketing in an area that it is missing from.

Paul asked Tim to provide a plot plan before the meeting on May 13th and advised him to contact Oneida County DPW about the driveway.

Paul made a motion to conclude the public hearing at 7:27 pm and was 2nd by Skip. All in favor.

Guests left at 7:30 and the board members discussed the project.

The town of Marshall sent over revisions of their solar law and Paul asked Skip to read it over and bring his thoughts back to the rest of the board.

A motion was made by Skip to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm and 2nd by Keith. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Brown

Zoning Board Secretary

Town of Augusta

approved 5/13/25

CC: Town Supervisor
Town Board
Town Clerk
Codes Officer