

A meeting of the Village of Palatine Bridge Planning Board was held on March 18, 2024. In attendance were Chairman Michael Kelly, members Carol Shineman, Gary Oeser, and by phone Richard Euler, and Clerk Emily Shults. From the public were John Hitchcock; ABD Engineers project manager, client Bashar Mustafa, Paul and Jean Daw, Betty Sanders, Jason Greco, Penny Conrad Cranker, Earl Cranker, Frank Nestle, Rodney Sutton and Mayor James F. Post.

A motion to call the meeting to order at 6:10pm was made by Chairman Mike Kelly, seconded by member Gary Oeser. The board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, a motion to pass the minutes was made by member Carol Shineman and seconded by Gary Oeser. The meeting was open to public comments at 6:12pm and Chairman Mike Kelly made a motion to close the meeting at 6:13pm with no comments, seconded by Gary Oeser.

Chairman Michael Kelly outlined what has been happening with Dunkin and the process the Village of Palatine Bridge took to lead up to the Public Hearing meeting. The Montgomery County Planning Board held their meeting on March 11th and approved the SEQR with a suggestion to have DOT conduct a traffic study. Paul Daw from the Town Planning Board stated that he saw paperwork done by DOT for a traffic study and we should be set. John Hitchcock said DOT did not ask for a traffic study, just made comments on the building for the design of the entrance. The area is not a high accident area. Chairman Mike Kelly asked about the sidewalk on the drawing and John Hitchcock said it was added for the crosswalk. There was a discussion on the rear exit with it being mostly for delivery trucks and providing an extra or emergency exit. Member Carol Shineman commented that she would like to see the sidewalk and Chairman Kelly said it would be a reasonable addition. Member Gary Oeser asked if Dunkin would keep the sidewalk clear, even though DOT owns it. Member Carol Shineman said it is an unwritten rule that the business or anyone having a sidewalk in front of their property, keep it clear. Member Richard Euler on the phone, asked about the parking situation, wondering if it is enough. John Hitchcock said it meets the code for parking. A short discussion was held. The drive-through would be the main use for people and parking should not be an issue. Betty Sanders asked if people would be able to access the other side of the building when inside the Dunkin and you will not have that access.

Chairman Michael Kelly made a motion to approve the project as drawn up and call for a building permit, Carol Shineman seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned on the motion of Chairman Michael Kelly, seconded by member Carol Shineman at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Shults
Village Clerk