**Village of Aurora Board of Trustees August 16, 2017 Minutes**

Meeting held at the Aurora Firehouse Meeting Room at 7:00 pm

**Present:** DeputyMayor Janet Murphy; Trustees Grace Bates, Alan Ominsky, and Kit Van Orman

**Others Present:**

**Village Officials:** Clerk Ann Balloni, Treasurer Deborah Brooks, ZBA member Laura Holland, and Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

**Local Residents:** David Brooks and G. Alan Clugston

**Absent:** Mayor Bonnie Bennett

**Call to Order:** Deputy Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance

**Changes to the Agenda:** No changes, but Treasurer Brooks explained that the resolutions under new business must be voted on before approving the bills. Resolution #17-32 is to expend funds to install a swale ditch east of the firehouse parking lot to prevent further flooding in the parking lot and truck bay. Resolution #17-33 is to expend funds from the Park/Playground renovation fund to install railings along the steps to the village park.

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to approve the July 19, 2017 meeting minutes.

AYES: Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements**

**Clerk:** Ms. Balloni informed the trustees that the quarterly sales tax figures are in their meeting packets and reminded them of the upcoming Cayuga County Village Association dinner on August 29th hosted by Union Springs. Ms. Balloni, Mayor Bennett and Trustees Bates & Van Orman are attending.

Trustee Ominsky informed everyone of a program at the Southern Cayuga planetarium on August 21, 2017 for those interested in viewing the solar eclipse. Though not a total eclipse in our area, local viewing is approximately 75% and there will also be a live stream from NASA.

**Visitor Recognition:** Ms. Murphy welcomed all visitors and there were no comments.

**New Business**

**Resolution #17-32: for the Expenditure of Funds from the Firehouse Repair Reserve Fund for Installing a Swale Ditch East of the Firehouse Parking Lot**

**WHEREAS:** that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law as amended, there is hereby established a Capital Reserve Fund to be known as the Firehouse Repair Reserve on May 29, 2013. The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys jointly with the Aurora-Ledyard Fire District to finance the cost of improvements to the facility when needed; and

**WHEREAS**: due to recent storms, damage has occurred to the firehouse building and back parking lot from the water runoff east of the area;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**: that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora authorize the treasurer to expend funds from the Firehouse Repair Reserve to Halverson Excavation in the amount of $2,800.00 to divert water away from the firehouse/parking lot.

FIRST: Bates

SECOND: Ominsky

AYES: Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously.

**VB Resolution #17-33 to Expend Funds from the Park/Playground Renovation Fund**

**WHEREAS:** the Park/Playground Renovation Fund was established in May 29, 2013 by the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees to purchase equipment for the Memorial Playground and make renovations to the Village Park; and

**WHEREAS:**  the Aurora Community purchased the playground equipment and gave it to the Village in August 2014; and

**WHEREAS:**  the Village Park steps require renovation; and

**WHEREAS:** Tom Shutter Welding submitted a quote of $4,050.00 to fabricate and install hand railings for the steps leading to the village park;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Treasurer to expend $4,050.00 from the Park/Playground repair fund for payment to Tom Shutter Welding to fabricate and install a new handrail for the Village Park steps.

FIRST: Van Orman

SECOND: Ominsky

AYES: Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously

**Treasurer’s Report**: No report

**Budget Modifications**

**General:**

$2,020.00 From: A7550.4 Celebrations – Contractual

$2,020.00 To: A8510.4 Community Beautification – Contractual

The trustees questioned the additional money for the plantings in front of the post office. Ms. Brooks reminded them that the subcontractor, DeMarco, hired by Vitale Construction was fired for not completing the project on time and Cynthia Teter was hired to finish the project.

On motion by Trustee Ominsky, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to accept the Budget Modifications in the General Fund.

AYES: Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Bills**

**General:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #3 for payment.

Voucher #72, 74-77, 79-84, 86, 88, 89, 92, 93, 95-99, 103-106, 108-110, and 112-114.

Total: $48,617.06

AYES: Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Water:** On motion by Trustee Ominsky, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #3 for payment.

Voucher #73, 79, 86, 87, 94, 99, 100, 105, 107, and 111.

Total: $5,588.67

AYES: Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #3 for payment.

Voucher #75, 78, 79, 84-86, 90-92, 94, 95, 98-102, and 105.

Total: $55,185.80

AYES: Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

**Code Officer** (see attached): Officer Doyle submitted reports on recent permit activity and zoning projects.

**Historian** (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on recent queries and intern research projects.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Trustee Ominsky reported on the railing project for the village park steps and soliciting bids for painting Patrick Tavern.

Dr. Schwab praised Mr. Ominsky for his commitment to the Patrick Tavern project and noted that they are also working with timber framers, electricians and ADA compliance. She added that the first item of business is the removal of the front porch to access the sill behind it.

Ms. Bates questioned the cost of the restoration project and was reminded of the grant that the Aurora Historical Society received from the Cayuga Community Fund for the restoration of Patrick Tavern.

**Parks and Recreation:** Trustee Murphy reported on the challenges for the summer swim program due to the blue/green algae blooms and the hydrilla treatment. Ms. Murphy is composing a thank you letter to Wells College for the use of their swimming pool for swim lessons during the dock closings. Ms. Murphy added that the lifeguards lost a lot of hours due to the closings.

Ms. Murphy further reported that she is finalizing the signs for the fitness trail. The approximate cost is $530.00 for a 2-sided sign attached to a post with the village logo on one side and exercises on the other. Directional signs to be imprinted in the sidewalk are forthcoming. Ms. Murphy reminded everyone that the money for the fitness trail was donated to the village by the Blessing of the Boats committee. Ms. Murphy also mentioned that all the village kayak racks are full.

**Streets and Public Safety:** Trustee Van Orman reported that one of the speed bumps on Court St was removed due to a defective pin and the one-way/do not enter signs for Court and Cherry St are ready for posting.

**Water and Sewer:** Trustee Bates reported that the maintenance for Tank 2 at the treatment plant is almost complete. Ms. Brooks noted that they were working to fix the Diffusers in the Tank. Mr. Brooks, former WWTP operator explainer how the Diffusers worked to the Board. Ms. Bates also reported that the New York State Department of Transportation plans to work on the village storm sewers in March/April 2018. Trustee Ominsky and Ms. Holland questioned whether the ditch would be open or covered. Ms. Bates replied covered. Trustee Van Orman asked if there was a report on how well the Hydrilla treatments were going and was informed that no report has been filed, yet.

**Old Business**

**Local Law #4 of 2017:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to re-schedule the public hearing for Local Law #4 of 2017 to the September 20, 2017 Village Board meeting.

AYES: Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

AYES: Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni

Village Clerk