**Village of Aurora Board of Trustees January 17, 2018 Minutes**

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

**Present:** Mayor Bonnie Bennett, Trustees Grace Bates, Janet Murphy, Alan Ominsky, and Kit Van Orman

**Others Present:** Clerk Ann Balloni, ZBA member Laura Holland and Citizen reporter Megan Ehrhart

**Absent:** Treasurer Deborah Brooks

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

**Changes to the Agenda:** An appointment to the Community Preservation Panel is added under New Business

**Approval of Minutes**

**December 14, 2017 special meeting:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to approve the December 14, 2017 special meeting minutes.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**December 20, 2017 regular meeting:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to approve the December 20, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Bates requested consideration of amending the November 15, 2017 minutes to reflect sponsorship by the Aurora Arts & Merchants Association (AAMA) for Christmas in Aurora. The minutes as written state: “Christmas in Aurora is scheduled for December 9th with the focus on local Not-for-Profits, though local businesses are encouraged to participate. Dr. Schwab reviewed the flyer with the trustees noting that it will most likely be updated.”

Ms. Balloni defended the wording as accurate as, at the time of the meeting, not-for-profits were the only organizations committed to participating and Ms. Bates had informed the village board at the October 18, 2017 meeting that the AAMA had disbanded and were not organizing Christmas in Aurora this year. Ms. Bates argued that since the AAMA included not-for-profits, Christmas in Aurora was sponsored by the AAMA. There was no further discussion on the issue.

**January 2, 2018 special meeting:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to approve the January 2, 2018 special meeting minutes.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements**

**Mayor:**

* The recommendation report from the Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority should be finalized next week
* New York State is re-considering the tunnel option for reconfiguring Rt 81 through Syracuse.
* The Cayuga County Legislature approved collecting room tax from Airbnb establishments
* The housing survey is concluded, and final results should be forthcoming
* The incinerator project proposed in Seneca County is raising concerns from local municipalities along Cayuga Lake. Approvals for the project have been taken out of local jurisdiction in favor of New York State. Mayor Bennett referred to several articles and recommended that the trustees research further. Mayor Bennett also requested authorization from the board to speak on their behalf at upcoming intra-municipal meetings.

On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the village board voted to authorize Mayor Bennett to speak on their behalf at upcoming meetings on the incinerator project proposed in Seneca Falls.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Clerk:** Ms. Balloni informed the board that the quarterly sales tax figures are included in their packets and Trustees Bates and Murphy are attending the January 23, 2018 Cayuga County Association of Villages meeting.

**Visitor Recognition:** Ms. Ehrhart from the Citizen was warmly welcomed by all.

**Treasurer’s Report**: No report

**Budget Modifications**

**General:**

$17.82 From A1990.4 Contingent Account

To A1010.4 Board of Trustees-Contractual

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

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Trustee Ominsky, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the village board voted to move $1,831.15 from A231B to A1620.2R for new siding on an outbuilding at the DPW.

AYES: Bennett, 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 #8 for payment.

Voucher #266-268, 270-273, 275-281, 283, 285-293, 295, 296, and 298

Total: $20,829.25

AYES: Bennett, 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 #8 for payment.

Voucher #265, 266, 274, 276, 282, 284, 287, 289, and 296

Total: $4,464.20

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #8 for payment.

Voucher #265, 268, 269, 273, 276, 277, 280, 282, 286, 287, 294, 296, and 287

Total: $6,445.75

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Trust & Agency:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to approve the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract #8 for payment.

Voucher #284

Total: $150.00

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing**

**Local Law #1 of 2018, To Amend the Zoning Law:** On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the village board voted to open the public hearing for Local Law #1 of 2018 at 7:15 pm.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**SEQR:**  The village board completed part 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF-attached) and there were no questions or comments on environmental issues by the trustees.

On motion by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the village board voted to declare a negative declaration, completing the State Environmental Quality Review process.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** No comments

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the village board voted to close the public hearing for Local Law #1 of 2018 at 7:25 pm.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

**Code Officer** (attached): Officer Doyle reported on recent permit activity.

**Historian** (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on recent queries.

**Buildings and Grounds:** No report

**Parks and Recreation:** No report

**Streets and Public Safety:** Trustee Van Orman reported that NYSEG charged the new street light on Lafayette St.

**Water and Sewer:** Mayor Bennett informed the board that the Inns of Aurora have requested additional water and sewer service to the Bush farm just outside the village.

**Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

**New Business**

**VB Resolution #18-02: To Designate the Hours and Polling Place for the March 20, 2018 Village Election**

**WHEREAS:** The Village of Aurora is holding an election on March 20, 2018; and

**WHEREAS:** The Village of Aurora Board of Trustees determines the site for the polling place and the voting timeframe provided it is no less than 12:00pm – 9:00 pm;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees designate the Aurora Firehouse meeting room, 456 Main St Aurora, for the village election on March 20, 2018 from 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

FIRST: Trustee Van Orman

SECOND: Trustee Ominsky

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**VB Resolution #18-03 – To Appoint Election Inspectors for the March 20, 2018 Village Elections**

**WHEREAS:** The Village of Aurora is holding village elections on March 20, 2018; and

**WHEREAS:** Elisabeth MacCormick and Winnie Murphy have expressedinterest in being election inspectors; and

**WHEREAS:** Appointing alternate election inspectors is recommended if either/both inspectors are not able to fulfill the appointment; and

**WHEREAS:** Anne Brodie and Anne Reynolds have expressed interest in being alternate election inspectors;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees appoint Elisabeth MacCormick and Winnie Murphy as Election Inspectors, and Anne Brodie and Anne Reynolds as alternates, for the March 20, 2018 village elections from the opening of the polls (Noon – 9:00pm) until the conclusion of the vote count at a rate of $10.40 /hour.

FIRST: Trustee Bates

SECOND: Trustee Ominsky

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously

**VB Resolution 18-04: Adopting Local Law #1 of 2018 Entitled**

**To Amend Local Law #4 of 2016: To Regulate Land Use and Provide for Historic Preservation**

**WHEREAS,** It is the intention of the Village of Aurora to maintain a viable land use law as the Village of Aurora Zoning Law, and

**WHEREAS,** The current Zoning Law of 2016 requires revisions to conform with existing New York State and local municipal laws, and

**WHEREAS,** It is the Board’s intent to conform with existing New York State and local municipal laws, and

**WHEREAS,** this is an Unlisted Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c) (20 & 27) and the Village Board declared itself Lead Agency at the January 2, 2018 special Village Board meeting and completed an environmental review pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and made a negative declaration; and

**WHEREAS,** At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora, County of Cayuga, State of New York, held at the Village Hall, 456 Main Street, Aurora, New York, at 7:00 p.m. on January 17, 2018, the following members of the Village Board of Trustees being present:

BONNIE APGAR BENNETT, MAYOR

GRACE BATES

JANET MURPHY

ALAN OMINSKY

KIT VAN ORMAN

The instant Resolution came to be heard and considered:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora as follows:

1. The Village Board of Trustees hereby determines that the aforementioned Local Law is an Unlisted action as defined in 6 NYCRR §617.4(b)(9) and accordingly, the Village Board of Trustees completed the required review pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Action (“SEQRA”) and made a negative declaration.
2. The Village Board of Trustees held a properly noticed Public Hearing on the Proposed Local Law #1 of 2018 at Village Hall on January 17, 2018 beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m.;
3. The Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local Law #1 of 2018 in the form annexed hereto.

Now upon the Motion of Trustee Ominsky and Seconded by Trustee Van Orman, a roll-call vote is tallied by the Village Clerk as follows:

Mayor Bennett AYE

Trustee Bates AYE

Trustee Murphy AYE

Trustee Ominsky AYE

Trustee Van Orman AYE

At least 3 of the above-named Village Board of Trustee members having voted in the affirmative, this resolution is adopted this 17th day of January 2018.

**Wells College Water Replacement Filters:** Mayor Bennett explained the Cayuga County Department of Health concern regarding Harmful Algal Blooms in area lakes this summer, including Cayuga Lake.

Wells College hired an engineering firm to conduct a study, at a cost of $9,300.00, on installing carbon filters in Wells water treatment plant.

Wells College has asked the village and the Inns of Aurora to evenly split the cost of the study. The New York State Comptroller’s Office indicated that the village cannot give money to a private entity but suggested that the village attorney contact an attorney with the comptroller’s office as this is a unique situation.

Governor Cuomo’s office has pledged $65 million to protect New York State’s water supply but that money will most likely be used to study, not correct, the problem.

**CPP Appointment:** Mayor Bennett informed the trustees that Dan DiSanto has submitted a letter of resignation from the Community Preservation Panel, as he and his family are moving out of the area. Mayor Bennett recommends Richard Kegler, the head of the Book Arts Center at Wells College, to fulfill the remainder of Dan DiSanto’s term.

On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the village board voted to approve Mayor Bennett’s appointment of Richard Kegler to the Community Preservation Panel, for the remainder of Dan DiSanto’s term, ending May 31, 2019.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the village board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni

Village Clerk