

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees January 28, 2019 Work Session Minutes

The meeting was held at the Aurora Firehouse Meeting Room at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Bonnie Bennett, Trustees Grace Bates, Matt Bianconi, Alan Ominsky and Kit Van Orman (4:14 p.m.)

Others Present

Village Officials: Village Clerk Ann Balloni, Planning Board Chairperson Pat Bianconi, and ZBA Member Laura Holland

Members of the Public: Barbara Blom and Margaret Flowers

Call to Order: Mayor Bennett called the work session to order at 4:02 p.m.

Governor Cuomo’s elimination of AIM funding in the Proposed State Budget: Mayor Bennett composed a letter (attached) to Governor Cuomo outlining why the loss of more than \$10,000.00 in funding is significant to the Village Budget. Mayor Bennett requested authorization from the trustees to send the letter to Governor Cuomo with copies to NYCOM, Senator Helming and Assemblyman Finch.
(the Village Board waited for Trustee Van Orman to arrive before voting on Resolution #19-02)

**VILLAGE OF AURORA RESOLUTION #19-02
OPPOSING STATE PROPOSAL
TO ELIMINATE AIM FUNDING IN
EXECUTIVE BUDGET 2019-2020**

Introduced by: Trustee Bates

Seconded by: Trustee Bianconi

Dated: January 28, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the aim of the Board of Trustees to keep the property tax burden on its residents under control; and

WHEREAS, the budget of the Village of Aurora has depended on state funds in the amount of \$10,206 in AIM funding;

WHEREAS, the current proposal in the State Executive Budget of 2019-2020 would eliminate all AIM funding for the Village of Aurora;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Aurora hereby requests that the proposal for elimination of AIM funding to municipalities whose funding is less than 2% of the total expenditures of 2017 be removed from the Executive Budget.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Bonnie Bennett	AYE
Trustee Bates	AYE
Trustee Bianconi	AYE
Trustee Ominsky	AYE
Trustee Van Orman	AYE

Resolution #19-02 is carried by a vote of 5-0.

Village Comprehensive Plan Review and Discussion

The Village Board reviewed a Comprehensive Plan outline focusing on the following areas:

- Resource Protection, including environmental, cultural and historical
- Recreation
- Land Uses, including economic development, housing and infrastructure

- Village trends, i.e. significant land/business/housing owned by Wells College in the past and now owned by the Inns of Aurora

The trustees agreed that each section should include subsections noting goals and solutions for each one.

The Trustees discussed various ways to engage the public and when to consult with professional planners.

Fireworks Law: Mayor Bennett distributed a draft copy of a fireworks law and explained the process of working on the draft law with Village Council. The trustees will review for further discussion.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Ominsky, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk