

**Draft**

**Village of Aurora Board of Trustees July 17, 2019 Minutes**

The meeting was held at the Aurora Firehouse Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Bonnie Bennett, Trustees Grace Bates, Matt Bianconi and Kit Van Orman

**Absent:** Trustee Janet Murphy

**Others Present**

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

**Inns of Aurora:** General Manager Sue Edinger

**Members of the Public:** Robin Driskel

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

**Changes to the Agenda:** No changes.

**Approval of Minutes**

**June 19, 2019 Regular Meeting:** On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to approve the June 19, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**June 28, 2019 Work Session:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to approve the June 28, 2019 work session minutes.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements**

**Mayor:**

- The Cayuga County Department of Health (CCDOH) is asking that the public call their office to report any algae noted in the water. Blooms have been spotted all along Cayuga Lake and in Seneca Lake. The Clerk added that the Wells College Dock has been closed for swimming since July 9 due to intermittent Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs). The CCDOH sampled the water on Wednesday, July 17 and if the water stays clear, the dock should re-open on Friday, July 19.
- The Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority (CCWSA) is moving forward with grant applications for a Central County Water District, including meeting with Senator Helming, Assemblyman Finch and Congressman Katko.
- The Inns of Aurora patched sections of Court St on July 15.
- The latest guesthouse of the Inns of Aurora (the former Shakelton's Funeral Home, now Zabriskie House) is scheduled to open October 1, 2019.

- Requested, moving forward, that the Clerk place the Treasurer's category at the end of the agenda.

**Clerk:** No announcements

**Visitor Welcome:** Robin Driskel submitted a letter (attached) exclaiming frustration for the lack of action on the proposed solar law by the Village Board. Ms. Driskel writes that the Village can assist Wells College with their recently publicized financial problems by allowing them to construct a 20-acre solar array.

Mayor Bennett responded that the Village is working with a consultant on how best to regulate solar in the village and the Village Board scheduled a tentative meeting date with the consultant on August 20, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

### **Bills**

**General:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #2 for payment.

Voucher #46-53, 55-59, 61-64, 66, 68-79, 82 and 84

Total: \$21,492.07

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Water:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #2 for payment.

Voucher #52, 60-63, 72, 78, 81 and 83

Total: \$6,365.92

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #2 for payment.

Voucher #49, 50, 52, 54, 61-63, 65, 67, 72, 78, 80, 83 and 84

Total: \$10,311.37

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Reports**

**Code Officer:** No report

**Historian** (see attached): Dr. Schwab handed out Water/Ways coloring books to promote the Smithsonian exhibit beginning August 24, 2019, with a reception at Long Library from 2:00-4:00.

The Aurora Historical Society is hosting a preview of the Route 90 garage sale next to Patrick Tavern on Friday, July 26, 2019. Dr. Schwab is checking with the Village Code Enforcement Officer regarding public access to Patrick Tavern.

**Miscellaneous:** Treasurer Brooks reported that Carolyn Connors (Account #1118) was issued a refund for her water/sewer bill. Ms. Connors was overcharged due to a clerical error combined with the age/dysfunction of her water meter.

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

### **New Business**

**GEIS Update:** The Planning Board is meeting with the Inns of Aurora and their consultants on August 13, 2019 to continue the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) for Taylor House and make a declaration whether the project will have a positive or negative impact. A scoping session to begin the Generic Environmental Impact Study will follow if the declaration is for a positive impact.

The Inns of Aurora discussed separating Taylor House from the GEIS, but the Village prefers to continue with the GEIS as planned, including the Taylor House project.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.