

## **Village of Aurora Board of Trustees August 21, 2019 Minutes**

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

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

**Absent:** Matt Bianconi

**Others Present:** Village Clerk Ann Balloni, Village Treasurer Deborah Brooks and ZBA member Laura Holland

**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:** None

### **Approval of Minutes**

**July 9, 2019:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the July 9, 2019 special meeting minutes.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**July 17, 2019:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the July 17, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Announcements**

#### **Mayor:**

- The Inns of Aurora continue to advocate for de-coupling Taylor House from the Generic Environmental Impact Study (GEIS) and using a different application to begin the process. The Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Inns of Aurora and the Village Board would have to be amended and discussions between the attorneys are in progress.
- The rebuilt clarifier at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) broke and a new one is being built at a cost of \$37,000.00. A sewage pump has been ordered and a flowwatcher replaced
- Water in the carbon filters at the Wells College Water Treatment Plant, used to prevent algae in the water system, caused a bacterial growth that must be properly cleaned. Village Engineer, Ken Teter, is working closely with WWTP operator, Adam Van Horn, Wells College personnel and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to combat the problem. The main concern of the WWTP is maintaining the correct ph level for the waste to be accepted without harming our plant process.
- LED lighting is installed throughout the firehouse/village office building except in the firehouse work bay, time TBD

**Clerk:** The Annual Report was filed with New York State by Ms. Brooks

**Visitor Welcome:** Mayor Bennett welcomed all visitors and there were no comments.

## **Reports**

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

**Historian** (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on recent displays of Fibers, Textiles and Dyes, and attached the Water Ways Main St Stroll activities brochure.

Mayor Bennett notified the Board that at the Scipio Lodge F & AM 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cornerstone Program on Sunday, the NYS Masonic Grand Master informed her they would be giving the Aurora Historical Society a donation of \$1,000.00.

## **Miscellaneous**

- Carolyn Connors submitted a report on the swimming lessons held at the Wells College pool along with her payment request (attached)
- Mayor Bennett reported that the Town of Ledyard notified the Village of a proposed 131.5 solar array on Dogs Corner Road (attached)

**Old Business:** Mayor Bennett noted that Attorney Blair would like to meet with the Board on several issues but is not able to attend the August 29, 2019 8:30 PM work session. She has cancelled that date and will be contacting them to set a future meeting time with the Attorney.

## **New Business**

**Hills Heating Contracts:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to renew the Hills Heating proposed contracts for the firehouse (\$848.00) and the Post Office (\$483.00)

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

## **Bills**

Ms. Brooks noted that the Worker's Comp bill, Voucher #125, was pulled due to a notification from them that the amount was incorrect, and a revised statement is forthcoming.

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

Voucher #85, 86, 88-93, 95-101, 106, 107, 109-116, and 119-127

Total: \$43,169.24

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Voucher #87, 100, 108-110, 112, 113, 116, 118, and 125

Total: \$6,176.42

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, 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 #3 for payment.

Voucher #90-94, 99, 100, 102-105, 107, 108,110, 112, 116, 117, and 125

Total: \$9,606.51

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Trust & Agency:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to approve the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract #3 for payment.

Voucher: #113

Total: 1,082.70

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Voucher: #113

Total: 1,082.70

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk