

## **Village of Aurora Board of Trustees September 18, 2019 Minutes**

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

**Present:** Mayor Bonnie Bennett; Trustees Matt Bianconi and Janet Murphy

**Absent:** Trustee Grace Bates and Trustee Kit Van Orman

### **Others Present**

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

**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**

**August 21, 2019:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the August 21, 2019 minutes.

AYES: Bennett, Bianconi, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**September 5, 2019:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Mayor Bennett, the Village Board voted to approve the September 5, 2019 minutes.

AYES: Bennett, Bianconi, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Later in the meeting, Trustee Bianconi requested an abstention from the September 5, 2019 minutes vote, realizing that he was not present at the meeting and uncomfortable voting for them. Ms. Balloni explained that the Board would have to rescind the vote.

On motion by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to rescind the approval vote of the September 5, 2019 minutes.

AYES: Bennett, Bianconi, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Announcements**

**Mayor:** Mayor Bennett and Village Engineer, Ken Teter, attended a Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority (CCWSA) meeting. The CCWSA is applying for funding to the New York State Department of State with the goal of lowering the wholesale price for water to \$4.03/1,000 gallons, currently \$4.40/1,000 gallons.

Mayor Bennett also noted that the Cayuga County Legislature adopted the recommendations of the CCWSA to construct a secondary, county water plant near Long Point State Park.

**Clerk:** New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) inspected the Village recently and advised the Village on recommended improvements for the Memorial Playground and emergency preparedness.

The Memorial Playground account has unused funds and Mayor Bennett requested reviewing the minutes when the fund was established to determine how they can be expended.

Mayor Bennett, Treasurer Brooks and DPW Superintendent Wilmot were recognized by the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) for their years of public service; 25, 35 and 25, respectively (certificates attached). They received a well-deserved round of applause.

**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 presentations, community programming and committee consultations.

**Annual Summer Youth Program Report** (attached): Dalton Elser reported a “smooth transition”, taking over from Carolyn Connors who ran the program for 10 years. Ms. Connors continued to provide swim lessons, thanks to Wells College who allowed use of their pool, and Mr. Elser noted an average of 20-30 children from 1-13 years old participating.

Mr. Elser noted the continuing problem of Harmful Blue/Green Algae Blooms (HABs). But the blooms came early and didn't seem to affect attendance which was up from last year to over 900 patrons, including a record breaking 130 on July 21.

Mr. Elser also acknowledged the professionalism of his lifeguards and appreciated the assistance from the Village Office.

**Miscellaneous:** Mayor Bennett reported that the LED lighting project for the firehouse requires one more installation in the work bay and re-installing the sensor for the parking lot lights for completion.

Mayor Bennett informed the Trustees that copies of the Proposed Financial Lease renewal with the Aurora-Ledyard Fire District are in their packets.

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

**New Business:** No New Business was discussed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

## **Budget Modifications**

**General Fund:**

\$1,006.67 From: A1990.4 Contingent Account  
To: A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to accept the Budget Modifications in the General Fund.

AYES: Bennett, Bianconi, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Bills**

**General:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #4 for payment.

Voucher #128-134, 136-140, 143, 145, 146, 148, 150-153, and 155-158

Total: \$14,313.35

AYES: Bennett, Bianconi, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Water:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #4 for payment.

Ms. Brooks explained that Voucher #154 from Ken Teter is for reviewing the Carbon Filter problem at Wells College. Mayor Bennett will contact President Gibraltar and request reimbursement for Mr. Teter's time as well as the Village DPW.

Voucher #140, 141, 146, 152 and 154

Total: \$6,277.52

AYES: Bennett, Bianconi, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #4 for payment.

Voucher #130-133, 135, 142-144, and 147-149

Total: \$5,364.72

AYES: Bennett, Bianconi, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

AYES: Bennett, Bianconi, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.