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**Village of Aurora Board of Trustees January 9, 2020 Special Meeting and 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, Janet Murphy (4:45), and Kit Van Orman

**Others Present:** Village Clerk Ann Balloni, Attorney Tom Blair, ZBA Member Laura Holland, Village Historian Dr. Linda Schwab, and Local Residents Shirley Egan and Margaret Flowers

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bennett called the special meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance

**Local Law #1 of 2020 To Amend the Village Zoning Law to Regulate Fireworks**

**VB RESOLUTION 20-01 OF 2020  
RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2020  
OF THE VILLAGE OF AURORA TO AMEND ITS ZONING LAW IN ORDER TO REGULATE THE USE OF  
FIREWORKS IN THE VILLAGE OF AURORA**

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of the Village of Aurora (“Village”) to maintain a viable land use and zoning law known as the “Village of Aurora Zoning Law” (hereinafter, “Zoning Law”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule and Village Law of New York State, the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees (“Village Board”) has the legislative authority to update, amend and enact laws to promote the safety, prosperity and welfare of the Village on behalf of Village residents, property owners, and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Village Board’s intent to regulate fireworks displays and usage in the Village of Aurora in order to preserve and protect public safety, tranquility, and property values within the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has identified that the Village’s current Zoning Law (Local Law #3 of 2019, as amended) does not contain adequate provisions for the regulation of fireworks and/or fireworks displays in the Village, and the Village Board finds that it is in the best interests of the Village to provide for well-reasoned regulations pertaining to the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board determined that the amendment(s) to the Village Zoning Law herein described are not subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.2; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board referred the proposed Local Law #1 of 2020 to the Cayuga County Planning Board for General Municipal Law § 239 (l) and (m) review who determined that Local Law #1 of 2020 is “of local concern only”; and

**WHEREAS**, a properly noticed Public Hearing at the Village Hall, 456 Main Street, Aurora, New York, was held on December 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, at a Special Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on January 9, 2020, the following members of the Village Board of Trustees being present:

BONNIE APGAR BENNETT, MAYOR  
TRUSTEES  
GRACE BATES  
MATTHEW BIANCONI  
JANET MURPHY- ABSENT  
KIT VAN ORMAN

The instant Resolution came to be heard and considered:

Now upon the Motion of Trustee Bates and Seconded by Trustee Bianconi a roll-call vote is tallied by the Village Clerk as follows:

Trustee Bates AYE  
Trustee Bianconi AYE  
Trustee Murphy ABSENT  
Trustee Van Orman ABSTAIN  
Mayor Bennett AYE

Vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, AND 1 ABSTAIN

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Village Board hereby adopts Local Law #1 of 2020 in the form annexed hereto.

**Executive Session:** On motion by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to enter Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss a temporary hiring due to an employee medical leave of absence.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carries unanimously.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adjourn the Executive Session at 4:40 p.m.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carries unanimously.

**Hiring of a part-time temporary employee:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to hire Mack Mattingly as a temporary, part-time employee to assist with snow removal and, if necessary, flagman duties.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carries unanimously.

**Village Development:** Mr. Blair discussed possible scenarios and options with the Village Board regarding potential, future development of the Wells College properties for which the Village retains Right of First Refusal. Mr. Blair recommended that the Village have the properties appraised by an independent appraiser and consider the best use of the land for Village taxpayers.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to adjourn the special meeting at 5:20 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Work Session Call to Order:** Mayor Bennett called the Work Session for the Solar Law to order at 5:21 p.m.

(The Village Clerk left at 5:25, the Village Attorney left at 5:50)

General discussion of the need to pass the solar law now, given the uncertainty surrounding several issues in the village including the impending amendment of the Comprehensive Plan and new zoning in light of the completion of the GEIS

Cleaning up typos and taking into account comments.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adjourn the work session at 7:00 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk