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Village of Aurora Board of Trustees April 15, 2020 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held via ZOOM video-conference due to Covid-19 Guidelines at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Village Clerk Ann Balloni, Village Treasurer Deborah Brooks and Inns of Aurora General Manager Sue Edinger

Due to significant technical difficulties, the meeting began at 7:20 p.m.

Budgets Public Hearing

Call to Order: Mayor Bennett called the Public Hearing for the 2020/2021 Budgets to order at 7:20 p.m.

Public Comment: No public comment

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to close the Public Hearing for the 2020/2021 Budgets at 7:21 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bennett called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda: Setting public hearings for the new sewer rates and the water plant project SEQR is added under New Business.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the March 17, 2020 minutes

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor: Mayor Bennett thanked Alexis Boyce and Sandy Groth for keeping residents informed of local organization status via *The Hub* and noting the Village Website for current State/county guidelines.

Mackenzie Childs barn sale scheduled for July 16-19 is cancelled.

Per Governor Cuomo, beginning at 8:00 p.m. this evening, public employees must wear face masks when social distancing is not possible.

Trustee Murphy: Trustee Murphy updated the Board that the Centurion Farms Farmer's Market is moving forward, and she will email the Board with the details.

Old Business

2020/21 Budgets: On motion by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adopt the 2020/21 Budgets.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Bates questioned the projected decrease in sales tax from New York State because of the economic shutdown due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Mayor Bennett briefly explained her email from Cayuga County Treasurer Jim Orman on the possible 3.7% - 11% reduction to the village. She added that upon consulting with Treasurer Brooks, they are confident that the Village can continue to operate off this year's budgets for now.

Treasurer's Report

On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to accept the March 2020 Treasurer's Report.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bennett noted that, as the Trustees were unable to sign off on the monthly vouchers, all the Trustees received an electronic copy of this month's abstract and authorized Mayor Bennett to sign off on the bills, documenting the Coronavirus as reason for the policy deviation.

Budget Modifications

Water Fund

\$1,652.50 From F9950.91 Water Improvement Reserve

\$1,652.50 To: HA 5031 Water Improvement

\$577.50 To: Engineering-Capital

\$1,075.00 To: Law-Capital

On motion by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to accept the Budget Modifications in the Water Fund.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Fund

\$250.00 From: G1990.4 Contingent Account

\$250.00 To: G8130.44 Sewage Treatment Equipment Repairs

On motion by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to accept the Budget Modifications in the Sewer Fund.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Bills

General: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #11 for payment.

Voucher #378, 380-383, 385-390, 393-397, 399, 400, 402-404, 406, and 408-410

Total: \$8,956.33

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Water: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #11 for payment.

Voucher #379, 380, 383, 389 and 390

Total: \$599.00

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, Murphy, 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 #11 for payment.

Voucher #380, 383, 384, 388-392, 395, 400, 401, 403, 405 and 407

Total: \$8,320.75

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Water Improvement System: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #11 for payment.

Voucher #398 and 410

Total: \$1,652.50

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Historian (see attached)

New Business

Water Plant Project SEQR: On motion by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to schedule a Public Hearing for the State Environmental Quality Review for the proposed Water Plant Project on April 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Rates: On motion by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to schedule a Public Hearing to amend the Village sewer rates following the Public Hearing for the Water Plant Project SEQR on April 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Inns of Aurora Update: Sue Edinger discussed the status of the Inns and their employees and announced their plan to re-open just the Aurora Inn, but not the restaurant, on May 1.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk