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Village of Aurora Board of Trustees April 29, 2020 Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM video conference due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

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

Others Present: Village Clerk Ann Balloni

Public Hearing

Call to Order: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to open the Public Hearing to adjust the Village sewer rates at 10:03 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: No public comment

On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to close the Public Hearing to adjust the Village sewer rates at 10:04 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bennett called the special meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

RESOLUTION #20-07: TO ADJUST SEWER RATES IN THE VILLAGE OF AURORA

WHEREAS: The Village of Aurora sewer system budget must be self-supporting; and

WHEREAS: the Village of Aurora intends to have the actual operating cost of the plant, including reserve funds needed to sustain and improve infrastructure, met by income from equitable sewer rates; and

WHEREAS: a public hearing was duly noticed and held at 10:00 a.m. on April 29, 2020 via video-conference due to Covid-19 restrictions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that, to maintain a balanced sewer budget, the Village of Aurora quarterly access fee for sewer for all metered customers remains at \$25.00 per quarter; and the quarterly sewer rate under 10,000 gallons based on the per/1000 gallon water usage rate be set at \$75 for a total quarterly fee of \$100; customers using more than 10,000 gallons per quarter will be charged \$7.15 per 1000 gallons plus the \$25 access fee; the charge for the single unmetered customer, Wells College, will remain at \$7.15 per 1000 gal. of water usage. The new rates to take effect July 1, 2020.

Trustee Bates AYE

Trustee Bianconi AYE

Trustee Murphy AYE

Trustee Van Orman AYE

Mayor Bennett AYE

Announcements

Mayor: Mayor Bennett informed the Board that the Town of Ledyard submitted a challenge for Lead Agency for the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) for the Water Plant Project. Mayor Bennett noted that any delay puts the Village at risk for this year's funding deadline and is hopeful for a meeting with the Village, Town and the Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority to explain to the Town Board why the Village should lead the coordinated SEQR.

Mayor Bennett updated the Board on the Inns of Aurora plan to open for reservations beginning May 1. The various guest houses will be available for "whole house rental" by one group or family with a private chef on-site to prepare meals. General Manager Sue Edinger assured Mayor Bennett that they will follow recommended CDC/State health guidelines for their guests.

Mayor Bennett noted that Cayuga County is furloughing 11% of their work force due to the anticipated lost revenue from sales tax due to the pandemic. Mayor Bennett added that the Village finances are secure, for now, but utilizing reserve funds may be necessary if the economic shut down progresses.

Trustee Van Orman questioned the status of village elections and Mayor Bennett replied that a new date has not been set yet.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk