

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees May 20, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Present

Roll Call:

Trustee Bates: Present

Trustee Bianconi: Present

Trustee Murphy: Present

Trustee Van Orman: Present

Mayor Bennett: Present

Others Present: Village Clerk Ann Balloni, ZBA member Laura Holland and Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

Call to Order: Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All donned masks and adhered to social distancing guidelines due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Changes to the Agenda: Resolution #20-11 to Bond for the Water Plant Project is added under Old Business. Request for quotes for the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intra-Municipal Organization Park Foundation Grant is added under Old Business.

Approval of Minutes

April 15, 2020: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to approve the April 15, 2020 minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

April 29, 2020: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to approve the April 29, 2020 special meeting minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

May 11, 2020: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to approve the May 11, 2020 special meeting minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor:

- On-line orders may be submitted for pick-up at the Farmer's Market at Patrick Tavern on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:30
- The annual Aurora Memorial Day celebration will be held at Oak Glen Cemetery on May 30 at 5:00
- The Board discussed the status of the Summer Swim Program at the Wells College Dock. Given the uncertainty of the pandemic the Board members agreed to cancel the program this year.

- Camp Gregory is closed for camping this season but are making accommodations available to healthcare workers and their families

Treasurer's Report: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to accept the April Treasurer's Report.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Modifications

General Fund:

\$124.66 From: A1990.4 Contingent Account

\$124.66 To: A9040.8 Worker's Compensation

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Water Fund:

\$2,001.90 From: F9950.91 Water Improvement Reserve

\$3,316.50 From: F8320.41 Source of Supply-Engineer Contractual

\$1,437.60 From: F8320.4 Source of Supply

\$6,756.00 To: HA 5031 Water Improvement

\$4,800.00 Engineering-Capital (\$3,300.00 Teter/\$1,500.00 Barton & Loguidice)

\$1,956.50 Law-Capital

\$338.38 From: F1990.4 Contingent Account

\$338.38 To: F9040.8 Worker's Compensation

On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, 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:

\$809.77 From: G1990.4 Contingent Account

\$809.77 To: G9040.8 Worker's Compensation

On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bates, 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.

Encumbrances:

F8320.4 Source of Supply – Contractual \$15,545.52 (No bills were received from Wells College for water use in April and May)

Bills

General: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #12 for payment.

Voucher #411-420, 422-428, 430-432, 434-443, 445, 447-452

Total: \$52,628.98

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Water: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #12 for payment.

Voucher #415, 416, 422, 432, 435, 438, 444, 448, 451, 452, 454, and 455

Total: \$8,347.55

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #12 for payment.

Voucher #412, 418-422, 429, 432-433, 435, 444, 446, 451 & 452

Total: \$38,418.83

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 Improvement System Fund Abstract #12 for payment.

Voucher #427 and 441

Total: \$6,756.50

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports: See attached Historian's Report.

Old Business

Resolution #20-11:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 20, 2020.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER SUPPLY, TREATMENT AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF AURORA,

CAYUGA COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$10,400,000 AND AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$10,400,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID VILLAGE TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, have been performed; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora, Cayuga County, New York (the "Village"), as follows:

Section 1. The construction of a water supply, treatment and transmission system in and for the Village of Aurora, Cayuga County, New York, including costs incidental thereto, is hereby authorized, subject to permissive referendum, at a maximum estimated cost of \$10,400,000.

Section 2. **SEQR DETERMINATION:** It is hereby determined that the aforesaid purpose constitutes a "Type I Action" for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQR") which the Village, as lead agency, has satisfied all required steps under SEQR.

Section 3. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost is by the issuance of up to \$10,400,000 serial bonds of said Village, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law; provided, however, that the amount of bonds to be issued shall be reduced to the extent of grants received in connection therewith.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is forty years, pursuant to subdivision 1 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said Village of Aurora, Cayuga County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said Village, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of such Village. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Village Treasurer shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. The Village Treasurer is hereby further authorized, at her sole discretion, to execute a project finance and/or loan agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the object or purpose described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond or note issue of said Village in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 10. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 11. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said Village for such purpose, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 12. **THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

IO Request for Quotes: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intra-Municipal Organization request for quotes, per the Park Foundation Grant.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Delinquent Water/Sewer Accounts (attached):

Resolution # 20-09: 2019-2020 Delinquent Water and Sewer Accounts

RESOLVED that there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Aurora, the following sums for the fiscal year 2019-2020 totaling \$3,002.02.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to add the Delinquent Water and Sewer Payments onto the Village Tax Bills.

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

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously.

Water Hauler Rate Increase:

VB Resolution #20-10: Water Hauler Rate Increase

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

WHEREAS: the income from the water rates no longer meets expenses,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village of Aurora raise the water rate for water haulers from \$6.50/1,000 gallons to \$7.00/1,000 gallons and will take effect with the July 2020 billing.

FIRST: Trustee Van Orman

SECOND: Trustee Bianconi

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

NAYS: None

Carried Unanimously.

Attorney Contract: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to renew the annual contract with Blair Law Firm at a rate of \$155/hour for general legal services and \$225/hour for additional legal services.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Scat Van Contract: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to renew the annual contract with the Scat Van for \$700.00.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Aurora Free Library: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to renew the annual contract with the Aurora Free Library for \$2,400.00.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Morgan Opera House: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to renew the annual contract with the Morgan Opera House for \$2,400.00

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk