

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees November 18, 2020 Minutes

The meeting was via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Bonnie Bennett, Trustees Grace Bates (6:05), Matt Bianconi, Thea Miller, and Janet Murphy

Others Present: Village Clerk Ann Balloni and Inns of Aurora General Manager Sue Edinger

Call to Order: Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda: A letter of request for a water bill adjustment from Laura Holland is added under New Business

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the October 21, 2020 minutes

AYES: Bennett, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bates

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor:

- Ed Heslop from Quadrant Biosciences approached the village about Covid wastewater testing
- For Christmas in Aurora, the tree will be lit in front of the post office, but no ceremony, and an additional decorated tree at Patrick Tavern. Mayor Bennett suggested a house decorating contest and Trustee Murphy added that pictures could be posted on the website. Mayor Bennett requested that any other ideas to celebrate the season be emailed to her. Trustee Bates suggested decorating Patrick Tavern for the Farmer's Market.

Trustees: Trustee Bates announced that Village Clerk, Ann Balloni was named to the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intra-Municipal Organization Advisory Committee.

Clerk: Ms. Balloni informed the Board that the Mortgages taxes were received from Cayuga County totaling \$4,871.46.

Treasurer's Report: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to accept the June, July, and August Treasurer's Reports.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Modifications

New Account for Office of the Aging Meals on Wheels Donation: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to establish account # A6772.0 for the Office of the Aging Meals on Wheels donation.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

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

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Bills

General: On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #6 for payment.

Voucher #170-174, 176-178, 180-186, 190, 192-196, 198-209, 211, and 212

Total: \$82,626.81

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, Miller, 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 #6 for payment.

Voucher #176, 179, 186-189, 194-196, 203, and 210

Total: \$14,214.19

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer: On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #6 for payment.

Voucher #171, 172, 174-176, 186, 191, 194, 196, 197, and 205

Total: \$10,728.79

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

IO Park Foundation Grant: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the IO Fund Abstract #6 for payment.

Voucher #180

Total: \$205.00

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Code Officer: No report

Historian (see attached): Dr. Schwab notes recent queries, online series, and acquisitions.

Old Business: Mayor Bennett reported that the Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority plan is on hold until January due to the Covid pandemic.

Trustee Bates questioned the status of the Inns of Aurora Generic Environmental Impact Statement and Mayor Bennett replied that the Inns of Aurora are in the process of gathering information.

New Business

Aurora Historical Society Annual Disbursement: Tracy Leffingwell submitted a letter (attached) requesting early disbursement of the annual village donation to the Aurora Historical Society.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to disburse \$2,400.00 to the Aurora Historical Society for their annual donation.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Holland Water Bill Request: Laura Holland received a much higher than normal garden meter water bill for the July-September quarter. Currently, the cause is unknown following an investigation by the Village and an irrigation company hired by Ms. Holland. Ms. Holland submitted a letter of request (attached) that she be allowed to pay the amount from the same quarter in 2019 or an average of her billings until the cause of the excess usage is determined.

On motion by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to charge Ms. Holland the 2019 amount for the July-September billing until the source of the excess water usage is determined, at which time Ms. Holland will pay the correct amount owed.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk