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**Village of Aurora Board of Trustees December 16, 2020 Minutes**

The meeting was held via Zoom due to the pandemic at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Bonnie Bennett, Trustees Grace Bates (6:02), Matt Bianconi, Thea Miller and Janet Murphy

**Others Present:** Village Clerk Ann Balloni

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

**Changes to the Agenda:** Resolution #20-33 is added under New Business

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the November 16, 2020 minutes

AYES: Bennett, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bates

Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements**

**Mayor:** Mayor Bennett gave a summary of the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) legislative update.

**Clerk:** Ms. Balloni announced that the fire department is chauffeuring Santa down Main St at 4:00 on Christmas Eve.

**Treasurer's Report:** On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to accept the October and November Treasurer's Reports.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Budget Modifications**

**GENERAL FUND**

|             |      |   |
|-------------|------|---|
| \$ 1,619.00 | FROM | A1990.4 Contingent Account              |
|             | TO   | A5110.21 Street Maintenance - Sidewalks |

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

## **WATER FUND**

\$ 208.40 FROM F1990.4 Contingent Account

TO F8340.2 Transmission & Distribution- Equipment

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Bills**

**General:** Trustee Bates questioned Village Attorney Tom Blair's bills. Mayor Bennett replied that Mr. Blair was involved in subdivision applications from Wells College, negotiations with Wells College for acquiring land for the Village, and the spa project for the Inns of Aurora. Discussion ensued on potential land use at the south end of the Village.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #7 for payment.

Voucher #215, 217, 219-222, 224-227, 229=234, 236-244, 247, and 250-252

Total: \$8,818.19

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Water:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #7 for payment.

Voucher #214, 216, 217, 224, 225, 234, 239, 245, and 246

Total: \$4,099.04

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer:** On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #7 for payment.

Voucher #213, 216-218, 224-226, 228, 233, 235, 248, 249, and 252

Total: \$5,243.90

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**IO Grant Park Foundation:** On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the IO Grant Park Foundation Fund Abstract #7 for payment.

Voucher #223

Total: \$765.00

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Reports**

**Code Officer:** Mayor Bennett noted that Officer Doyle's last day in the office was November 30, though he will continue to consult with Officer Greer through December.

**Historian** (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on recent queries, displays, committee work, and recent correspondence. Dr. Schwab also noted the opening of Patrick Tavern as a community space thanks to a generous grant from the Pleasant Rowland Foundation. The space was occupied as a Farmers Market on Tuesday afternoons through December 22.

**Miscellaneous:** Trustee Bates submitted a report (attached) on the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intra-Municipal Organization (IO) November 16, 2020 meeting.

### **Old Business**

**Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority Water Plant Project:** Mayor Bennett reported that the referendum for the proposed water plant in the southern end of the county is on hold due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

### **New Business**

#### **VB Resolution #20-33: To Request a No-Cost Extension of the Grant from the Park Foundation for the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intra-Municipal Organization (IO) Reassessment**

**WHEREAS:** work on the IO organizational reassessment was delayed as due to the challenges and workplace changes brought about by Covid-19; and

**WHEREAS:** as the parties have adjusted, the IO is once again on track and are confident the project will be completed, and a final report filed by September 30, 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees request a no-cost extension of the IO organizational reassessment through September 30, 2021.

FIRST: Mayor Bennett

SECOND: Trustee Bates

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

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously.

**Traffic on Sherwood Road:** Trustee Bates questioned how to request an extension of the 30-mph speed limit, east of the Village boundary to include the Inns of Aurora Spa property. Mayor Bennett explained that Sherwood Road is a county road and residents of Sherwood Road could submit a request to the Cayuga County Highway Department.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk

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