

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees June 16, 2021 Minutes

The meeting was held at the Aurora Firehouse Meeting Room at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Bonnie Bennett, Trustees Grace Bates, Thea Miller, and Janet Murphy

Absent: Matt Bianconi

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni and Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

Inns of Aurora: Maintenance Manager John Marshall

Members of the Public: Jacci & Virgil Farlow

Call to Order: Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda: Seawall proposal is added under New Business.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the May 19, 2021 minutes.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor

- Blessing of the Boats on July 1 at 6:00 pm behind St Patrick’s Church
- Reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4 at noon in front of the Fargo
- Comprehensive Plan public workshop on July 17 at the firehouse from 10 am-2 pm
- Rev Theatre Company children’s play on July 30 at the Wells College Dock at 7:00 pm

Treasurer’s Report: On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to accept the May Treasurer’s Report.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Modifications

GENERAL FUND

\$ 991.06 FROM A1410.1 Personal Services-Clerk/Deputy

\$ 991.06 TO A1410.12 Personal Services – Treasurer

\$.04 FROM A7510.4 Historian – Contractual

\$.04 TO A7510.1 Historian – Personal Services

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

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Absent: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

WATER FUND

\$ 110.00 FROM F1990.4 Contingent Account

\$ 110.00 TO F8310.4 Water Administration – Contractual

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, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

SEWER FUND

Correction 5/19/2021 \$ 30,000.00 reduced to **\$10,000.00** Budget transfer to Sewer Repair Reserve due to Wells College closure due to COVID -19 Pandemic- loss of revenue.

\$ 1,262.69 FROM G8130.41 Sewage Treatment - Utilities

\$ 1,218.24 TO G8130.1 Sewage Treatment – Personal Services

44.45 TO G9030.8 Social Security

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, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

ENCUMBRANCES

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\$ 1,785.23 A1620.22 Buildings – Patrick Tavern - Contractual (Storage Cost?)

\$ 3,757.01 A1620.23 Buildings – Fire House – Contractual (Replace east door cost)

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to accept the Encumbrances in the General Fund.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Absent: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Bills

General: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #1 for payment.

Voucher #1, 4-7, 9, 10, 13-22, and 25-30

Total: \$17,970.17

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Water: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #1 for payment.

Voucher #1, 2, 9, 11, 18, 22, 24, 26, and 28

Total: \$8,025.54

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #1 for payment.

Voucher #1-3, 9-12, 16, 19, 22, 23, 26, 28, and 30

Total: \$11,352.32

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Water Improvement: On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Improvement Fund Abstract #1 for payment.

Voucher #18

Total: \$1,210.00

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

IO Park Foundation Grant: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the IO Park Foundation Grant Fund Abstract #1 for payment.

Voucher #8

Total: \$1,006.25

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Code Officer (see attached): Officer Green reported on recent permit activity and fire inspections.

Historian (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on recent queries, displays and committee work. Additionally, Dr. Schwab gave an update on the Aurora History Center re-location plan given the 2-week eviction extension allowed by the Inns of Aurora to vacate their space. Trustee Murphy thanked Dr. Schwab for all her hard work and diligence during a difficult situation.

Miscellaneous

Cayuga Lake Watershed Intra-Municipal Organization (CWIO): Trustee Bates reported that CWIO is finalizing their Fair Funding Formula for municipalities.

Ms. Balloni added that CBI, hired through the Park Foundation Grant to assist with the organizational reassessment, is presenting their findings at the August 25, 2021 CWIO meeting and the Village Board is encouraged to attend.

Discussion ensued on how best to submit comments regarding the NYSDEC phosphorus Total Material Daily Load (TMDL) report. The trustees agreed for Mayor Bennett to send a letter of support to CWIO for their comments on behalf of the Village Board.

On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to authorize Mayor Bennett to submit a letter supporting the CWIO comments on the NYSDEC TMDL report.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Comprehensive Plan Update: Mayor Bennett submitted a list of stakeholders (attached) compiled by the Steering Committee.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to accept the stakeholders list submitted by the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

New Water Plant: Mayor Bennett conferred with Cayuga County legislator Keith Batman, Village Engineer Ken Teter, and Barton & Loguidice consultant Chris Lawton on moving forward with a new village water plant. Infrastructure funding is available, and the thinking is that the Village should move forward with a water plant and partner with Cayuga County when they are ready to install water & sewer to Honoco Road. Mr. Batman is caucusing his committee to draft a resolution to propose the Honoco Road project to the full legislature.

Mayor Bennett added that a proposal for a 22 unit housing development, including boat slips, south of Gully Road was discussed at the June 14 Town of Ledyard Board meeting. Municipal water & sewer is not available north of the village and wells and septic are required for each planned 5-8-acre lot. The development is in the early planning stages and the sale of the property is still pending.

Spa Water Pressure: The Cayuga County Department of Health sent a notice of violation to the Village on behalf of the Inns of Aurora spa. Despite a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village and the IOA noting that the Village cannot guarantee 20 pounds of pressure to the spa, the County Health Department is forcing the Village to find a solution. The IOA has installed a pressure tank as a temporary solution.

New Business

Appointment of CWIO Alternate Member: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to appoint Ann Balloni as the alternate representative to the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intra-Municipal Organization.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Security Camera: the village clerk submitted a proposal for \$1,198.00 from Usherwood & Verkada for a new security camera for the village parking lot. The trustees requested two more proposals to adhere to municipal procurement policies and questioned if the proposal is a one-time fee or annual cost. Discussion is tabled to the July meeting.

Williamson Law Book Software Contracts: Ms. Balloni noted that there is no price increase this year. On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the annual Williamson Law Book software contracts for Water & Sewer (\$1,007.00), Tax Collection (\$432.00), Accounting (\$1,007.00), and Payroll (\$791.00).

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Tractor Quotes: The village received 3 quotes:

Addy's Power Equipment Sales & Service - \$7,271.75

M&R Sports and Mower, Inc. - \$5,899.00

Main & Pinkney Equipment, Inc. - \$6,556.17

The Village DPW recommends Main & Pinkney Equipment, Inc.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to accept the Main & Pinkney tractor quote of \$6,556.17 on the recommendation of the Village DPW.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Seawall Proposal: Jim Kirkwood authorized his contractor to submit an application to rebuild the seawall by the village pocket park next to his property, 331 Main St. The Village Board agreed to have the Village Code Enforcement Officer advise Mr. Kirkwood to submit a letter of proposal and the Village Board will decide if an application is warranted.

Court Street traffic: Trustee Murphy questioned the status of the plan to repair and slow down traffic on Court St now that the Inns of Aurora have completed their projects. Signage re-paving, and permanent speed bumps are planned, paid by the Inns of Aurora per Mayor Bennett.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:45.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk