

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees August 18, 2021 Minutes

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

Present: Mayor Bonnie Bennett, Trustees Grace Bates, Matt Bianconi (6:10), Thea Miller, and Janet Murphy

Others Present: Village Clerk Ann Balloni, Village IT Specialist Jon Gans, ZBA members Karen Hindenlang and Laura Holland

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

Changes to the Agenda: No changes

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the July 21, 2021 minutes

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor: No announcements

Clerk: The quarterly sales tax figures are included in the Board packets.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Bills

General: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #3 for payment. Mayor Bennett noted that the abstract includes the last 20-year streets bond payment.

Voucher #67-71, 73-77, 79-81, 83, 85-89, 91, 92, and 94-98

Total: \$43,710.30

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 #3 for payment.

Voucher #67, 80, 84-86, 89, 90, and 93

Total: \$6,886.26

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #3 for payment.

Voucher #67, 69-72, 80, 82, 84, 86, and 89

Total: \$5,518.85

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Water Improvement Project: On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Improvement Project Fund Abstract #3 for payment.

Voucher #90

Total: \$1,000.58

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried unanimously.

Park Foundation Grant: On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to approve the Park Foundation Grant Fund Abstract #3 for payment.

Voucher #78

Total: \$5,518.85

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.

Historian (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on recent research visits and upcoming events. Dr. Schwab noted that she is taking an extended vacation.

Miscellaneous: Ms. Balloni reminded the trustees of the August 25, 2021 Cayuga Lake Watershed Intra-Municipal Organization (CWIO) meeting to adopt revised by-laws, Municipal Memorandum of Agreements, and CWIO Manager job description, as part of the Park Foundation Grant organizational reassessment.

Old Business

Comprehensive Plan Update: Mayor Bennett reported that LaBella is compiling the data from the surveys and stake-holder's interviews. A draft document is expected within 2-3 weeks. The Trustees should be prepared for a special meeting with LaBella representatives once the draft is submitted.

GEIS: The Village continues to wait for an acceptable draft of the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) from the Inns of Aurora on current and future development plans.

Water Update: The Village is hopeful that the Cayuga County Legislature will designate a portion of the rescue money funds for a pumping station, new intake pipe, and connections to the Wells College Water Plant. The current pipe behind the plant is too shallow and, along with the funding that Wells received for new pumps and filters, should complete sufficient upgrades to keep the plant viable for the near future.

Security Camera: Mr. Gans noted that the proposals from Usherwood and Linstar were more involved and expensive than is required for the office. Mr. Gans requested specifics from the village and will research options.

New Business

Meals on Wheels Donation: Mayor Bennett noted that residents of Aurora continue to benefit from this service.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to donate \$100.00 to the Cayuga County Meals on Wheels program.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Hills Heating Contracts: On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the annual Hills Heating Contracts for the firehouse (\$899.00) and the post office (\$513.00).

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Cayuga Lake Watershed Intra-Municipal Organization (CWIO) Dues: CWIO revised its funding formula for municipalities and Aurora's annual dues are \$630.00. CWIO is phasing in the new payment schedule, requesting 50% of the dues be paid in 2022, 75% in 2023, and 100% in 2024. An invoice for \$315.00 will be mailed in early 2022.

On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to pay the dues to CWIO when the invoice is received.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Parking: Trustee Bates noted areas in the village where it is difficult to see turning onto streets due to cars parked right up to the intersection. Designating "No Parking" spaces was discussed.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.