

**Village of Aurora Board of Trustees November 10, 2021 Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held via Zoom at 3:30 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Bonnie Bennett, Trustees Grace Bates, Matt Bianconi, and Janet Murphy

**Absent:** Jim Orman

**Others Present:** Village Clerk Ann Balloni, Local Resident Jim Kirkwood, and Labella Associates Representative Nicolette Wagner

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Public Hearing for Local Law #4 of 2021 To Extend a Temporary Moratorium on Certain Applications and Approvals within the Village of Aurora:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to open the public hearing for Local Law #4 of 2021 at 3:31 p.m.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Bennett read a letter (attached) from the Village of Aurora Planning Board, supporting the extension of the temporary moratorium.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to close the public hearing for Local Law #4 of 2021 at 3:33 p.m.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried unanimously.

**Local Law #4 of 2021:**

**VILLAGE OF AURORA RESOLUTION ENACTING LOCAL LAW # 4 OF 2021**

Introduced by: Trustee Trustee Murphy

Seconded by: Trustee Trustee Bianconi

Dated: November 10, 2021

**WHEREAS**, on October 20, 2021 the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora (“Village Board”) introduced proposed Local Law #4 of 2021, which law extends a temporary moratorium on the filing, acceptance and/or, approval of applications for non-residential rezoning, special and conditional use permits, use variances, site plan, subdivisions, certain area variances, and alterations or extensions of non-conforming uses by the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, Community Preservation Panel, the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer or the Village Board of Trustees, as the case may be, within the Village of Aurora by three (3) months; and

**WHEREAS**, following the introduction of the proposed Local Law #4 of 2021, a public hearing was conducted by the Village Board on November 10, 2021, during which public input was received and reviewed; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Local Law was duly referred to the Cayuga County Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law §239(l-m); and

**WHEREAS**, there were no significant comments on the proposed Local Law provided to the Village Board by the Cayuga County Planning Board which resulted in revisions to the proposed Local Law; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing having been held on proposed Local Law #4 of 2021 by the Village Board and proof of publication of notice of same, as required by law, has been submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard in connection with said proposed Local Law having been heard, and said Local Law having been in the possession of the members of the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees in its final form in the manner required by Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the enactment of proposed Local Law #4 of 2021 has previously been determined to be a Type II Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act regulations and is thus, not subject to further environmental review; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest to enact proposed Local Law #4 of 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that:

1. The Village of Aurora Board of Trustees finds and determines that it has convened a public hearing on proposed Local Law #4 of 2021 on November 10, 2021, and that sufficient consideration has been given to all comments (if any) received during the public hearing.
2. Proposed Local Law #4 of 2021 is a Type II action under SEQRA §617.5(c)(30) and thus requires no environmental review.
3. Local Law #4 of 2021, as set forth in its entirety as attached hereto, is hereby enacted, waiving any and all defects and informalities in the adoption thereof and shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The question of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote and upon a roll call was as follows:

Trustee Grace Bates AYE  
Trustee Matt Bianconi AYE  
Trustee Janet Murphy AYE  
Trustee Jim Orman ABSENT  
Mayor Bonnie Apgar Bennett AYE  
Vote: 4-0

### **Old Business**

**Comprehensive Plan:** Labella Associates representative Nicolette Wagner asked if the Village Board had any questions of the revised draft Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Bates questioned the timeline of the Village Zoning Law revisions and Ms. Wagner replied “6-9 months for an uplift of the existing law.” Trustee Bates asked if the zoning law revisions could be released in sections and Ms. Wagner replied that the revisions will all be released together.

Trustee Bates questioned the Steering Committee comments of the Draft Comprehensive Plan and Mayor Bennett replied that they are reflected in the revised copy.

**Seawall Proposal:** The Village Board requested a formal quote from Mr. Kirkwood for his offer to repair the seawall along the Village property, north of the Kirkwood property. Mayor Bennett noted that she would ask the village attorney to write up an agreement between the Village and Mr. Kirkwood. All the trustees agreed that the repair should reflect the existing seawall and Mr. Kirkwood will consult with his mason on grading concerns.

Mr. Kirkwood emphasized the deteriorating condition of the existing wall and expressed concern for the Village over potential liability.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk