

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees November 17, 2021 Minutes

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

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

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

Others Present: Inns of Aurora General Manager Sue Edinger, Labella Associates Planner Nicolette Wagner, and local resident John Wendler

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

Changes to the Agenda: Resolution #21-31: To Apply for a WIIA Grant for a Village Water Plant, added under New Business.

Approval of Minutes

October 20, 2021: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the October 20, 2021, regular meeting minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

October 28, 2021: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the October 28, 2021, special meeting minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

November 10, 2021: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the November 10, 2021, special meeting minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor: Christmas in Aurora is December 4

Clerk: Safety/Harassment training reminder for Trustees Bates and Bianconi

Treasurer's Report: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to accept the September and October Treasurer's Report.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Bills

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

Voucher #165, 167-174, 176, 177, 179-181, 183-192, 194, and 195

Total: \$19,105.33

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Water: On motion by Trustee Orman, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #6 for payment.

Voucher #166, 175, 177, 179, 182, 185, 186, 192, and 193

Total: \$12,169.89

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Voucher #167-169, 177, 178, 185, 186, 189, and 192

Total: \$10,494.06

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Code Officer: No report

Historian (see attached): Dr. Schwab submitted a "Timeline, Patrick Tavern Adaptive Reuse" document (attached) along with her monthly report. Trustee Orman thanked Dr. Schwab for her work on making Patrick Tavern a viable, village building.

Miscellaneous

Cayuga Lake Watershed Inter-Municipal Organization (CWIO): CWIO is applying for grant money to fund an update to their website.

Old Business

Comprehensive Plan: Labella Associates Planner, Nicolette Wagner, responded to questions from the trustees and attempted to clarify Real Property classifications, public and vacant land designations, and language for village hall options.

Land Use Purchase:

**RESOLUTION #21-32 OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF AURORA
REGARDING AN OPTION TO PURCHASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY**

November 17, 2021

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora (“Village Board”) has the authority to enter into a transaction for the purchase of real estate pursuant to New York Village Law §1-102 and has deemed it in the best interest of the Village to enter into the Option Agreement with the Inns and to proceed with the acquisition of the Option Property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village shall enter into the Option Agreement in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and the Village Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Option Agreement on behalf of the Village and to also execute and deliver any other documents necessary to prepare for the acquisition and transfer of the Option Parcel to the Village; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board is hereby authorized to pay to the Inns up to \$5,000.00 to purchase the Option Parcel, which sum is understood to be exclusive of transactional fees and costs related to the transaction; and

On motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Miller the Board authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021-2022 Budget by moving funding from A599 Unappropriated Fund Balance to A 1940.4 Purchase of Land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution will be filed in the Office of the Village Clerk in files that are readily accessible to the public and made available upon request, subject only to the limitations established by the Freedom of Information Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Orman, seconded by Murphy, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Grace Bates	AYE
Matthew Bianconi	AYE
Janet Murphy	AYE
Jim Orman	AYE
Bonnie Apgar Bennett	AYE

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

(Please note that the above motion to modify the 2021-2022 Budget occurred at the July 21, 2021, Village Board meeting.)

New Business

Labella Proposal for Zoning Law Revisions (attached): On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to hire Labella Associates to assist with Village Zoning Law revisions for a \$16,750.00 fee.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Water System Grant Application:

**RESOLUTION #21-33 OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF AURORA
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A NEW YORK STATE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT
(WIIA) GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF AURORA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Village of Aurora (Village) is located in the Town of Ledyard, Cayuga County, New York;
and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Aurora (Village) prepared a Preliminary Engineering Report
(PER) recommending improvements to the Village drinking water system; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements to such drinking water system includes a New water treatment
facility and intake from Cayuga Lake (including a possible partnership with CCWSA for a new alternative
regional source); Also included is a transmission main, various distribution system improvements and UV
disinfection; and

WHEREAS, the PER shows the estimated costs of these improvements to be \$10,400,000; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOH has reviewed/approved the PER and has scored the DWSRF Project #18564 with
105 points; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of SEQRA, the Village of Aurora Village Board, as Lead
Agency, issued a resolution on May 11, 2020, indicating that a Negative Declaration had been issued for
the Project; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2020, the Village passed a Bond Resolution, subject to permissive referendum, at
a maximum estimated cost of \$10,400,000; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board now desires to pursue grant funding for the project under the New York
State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Aurora, Cayuga County, New
York, authorizes the submission of a New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant
application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an application on
behalf of the Village for grant funding under the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act
(WIIA) Program, and to execute any agreements, instruments or other documents in connection with
the Village's acceptance of any such grants and/or the funding thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor may authorize any required local match required with
respect to financing or grants awarded to the Village for the Project through the use of cash and/or in-
kind services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Ann Balloni, Village Clerk of the Village of Aurora do hereby certify that the Village Board of the Village of Aurora adopted the aforementioned resolution, introduced by Trustee Murphy, and seconded by Trustee Bates, on November 17, 2021, by the following vote:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Bonnie Apgar Bennett, Mayor	X	
Grace Bates, Trustee	X	
Matthew Bianconi, Trustee	X	
Janet Murphy, Trustee	X	
James Orman, Trustee	X	

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk