

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees January 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Mayor Bonnie Bennett, Trustees Grace Bates (6:02), Matt Bianconi, Janet Murphy, and Jim Orman

Others Present: Village Clerk Ann Balloni, ZBA member Laura Holland, and Village Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

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 Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the December 15, 2021 minutes

AYES: Bennett, Bianconi, Murphy, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bates

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor

- New York State Department of Public Services February 2, 2022 Public Hearing for the proposed Aurora Ridge Dairy/Sunnyside Farm biodigester. The trustees discussed commenting in support of the plan.
- Executive Budget review. Mayor Bennett noted AIM funding, Accessory Dwelling Units proposal, taxing short term rentals as hotels, and ethics.

Treasurer's Report: December and January reports will be reviewed at the February meeting.

Budget Modifications

GENERAL FUND

\$ 4.18 FROM A1990.4 Contingent Account

TO A1460.4 Records Management - Contractual

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, Murphy, and Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

WATER FUND

Total: \$5,100.75

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Park Foundation Grant: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Park Foundation Grant Fund Abstract #8 for payment.

Voucher #240

Total: \$3,337.64

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Code Officer: No report

Historian (see attached): Dr. Schwab submitted a copy of her annual report to New York State along with her monthly report.

Trustee Orman questioned Dr. Schwab on obtaining New York State tax credit for home projects. Dr. Schwab replied that the tax credit may be applied to a property owner's primary residence as it conforms to the Secretary of the Interior standards. Dr. Schwab noted that it is available for proposed projects and will research if it may be applied to completed projects.

Cayuga Lake Watershed Inter-Municipal Organization (CWIO): CWIO is submitting a letter to the NYSDEC requesting that the comment period for changes to the 303(d) list, which refers to material runoff into Cayuga Lake, be extended by 30 days, giving municipalities enough time to review the rationale for the de-listing of phosphorus, iron, and sediment. Mayor Bennett will also send a letter requesting the extension on behalf of the village.

Old Business

Mayor Bennett informed the trustees that the Inns of Aurora are moving forward with the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS). There is no update on the Spa water pressure issue or the WIIA grant.

New Business

Zoning Committee Appointment: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to accept Mayor Bennett's appointment of Ann Balloni, Pat Bianconi, Dan Green, Tee-Ann Hunter, Claire Morehouse, Jim Orman, and Pam Sheradin to the Zoning Committee.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bennett added that Village Historian, Dr. Linda Schwab, will consult with the zoning committee and review changes/recommendations to section 700 with the Community Preservation Panel.

Appoint Election Inspectors:

Resolution #22-01 – To Appoint Election Inspectors for the March 15, 2022 Village Elections

WHEREAS: The Village of Aurora is holding Village elections on March 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS: Jim Chase, Kathy Chase, Anne Reynolds, and Winnie Murphy have expressed interest in being election inspectors; and

WHEREAS: Appointing alternate election inspectors is recommended if any inspectors are not able to fulfill the appointment; and

WHEREAS: Susan MacCormick and Jim Wilcox have expressed interest in being alternate election inspectors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees appoint Jim Chase, Kathy Chase, Anne Reynolds, and Winnie Murphy as Election Inspectors, and Susan MacCormick and Jim Wilcox as alternates, for the March 15, 2022 Village elections from the opening of the polls (Noon – 9:00pm) until the conclusion of the vote count at a rate of \$13.20 /hour.

FIRST: Trustee Orman

SECOND: Trustee Murphy

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Orman, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni

Village Clerk