

**Village of Aurora Board of Trustees May 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

**Present:** Mayor James Orman, Trustees Matt Bianconi, and L. John Miller

**Absent:** Janet Murphy and Frank Zimdahl

**Others Present:** Village Clerk Ann Balloni, ZBA member Laura Holland, Inns of Aurora General Manager Sue Edinger, and Local Resident Barbara Blom

**Call to Order:** Mayor Orman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance

**Changes to the Agenda:** Wells College sign application and Aurorafest letter added under New Business

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the April 27, 2022 minutes

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**Announcements**

**Clerk:**

- Aurora is hosting the Cayuga County Village Association dinner on May 24 at the Wells College Golf Club.
- Memorial Day observance at St Patrick’s Cemetery on March 30 at 2:00 p.m.
- AARPA and AIM funding, \$64,000.00 and \$10,206.00 respectively

**Treasurer’s Report:** On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to accept the April Treasurer’s Report.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**Budget Modifications**

**GENERAL FUND**

\$ 25.92 FROM A1990.4 Contingent Account

TO A1410.12 Treasurer – Personal Services

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

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**WATER FUND**

\$ 44.46 FROM F1990.4 Contingent Account

TO F8310.4 Water Administration – Contractual

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

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**SEWER FUND**

\$ 769.94 FROM G1990.4 Contingent Account

TO G8130.48 Sewage Treatment – Engineering

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

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**Encumbrances**

General Fund

A1210.4 Mayor – Contractual \$305.37

(Monitor \$159.99, Printer \$124.99, Cable \$20.39)

A5110.4 Streets – Miscellaneous Contractual to A5110.2 Equipment \$ 2,847.00

A5110.2 “ – Equipment \$ 3,162.00 (purchase mower for DPW \$6,009.00)

Tree/Sidewalk Issue in front of 323 Main Street

A5110.21 Streets – Sidewalks - \$2,500.00

A8560.4 Shade Trees – Contractual \$3,300.00

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

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

Sewer Fund

G8130.2 Sewage Treatment – Equipment

maintain encumbrance 2019-2021 placed \$13,857.71  
add \$15,000.00 2021-2022 budget balance  
for Flomatcher Unit at WWTP

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

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**Bills**

**General:** On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #12 for payment.

Voucher #385-396, 398, 399, 401, 403-415, and 418-426

Total: \$83,800.20

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**Water:** On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #12 for payment.

Voucher #387, 395, 396, 416, and 417

Total: \$4,242.24

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**Sewer:** On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #12 for payment.

Voucher #386, 387, 391, 392, 395-397, 400, 402, 404, 407, and 411

Total: \$6,266.40

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**Reports**

**Code Officer:** No report

**Historian** (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on committee work, queries, and events. Dr. Schwab continues to try to locate a permanent home for village archives and the Aurora Historical Society.

Dr. Schwab noted that a timeline of Patrick Tavern will be emailed to the mayor and trustees soon.

### **Old Business**

**Court Street Traffic:** Mayor Orman discussed the increase in noise, traffic, dust, and dirt on Court Street. Seasonal speed bumps were placed in the past and are under consideration for a more permanent solution. Mayor Orman noted that he is a resident of Court Street but has fielded complaints from several residents.

On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to move forward with addressing the Court Street issues with the Village DPW.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**Franchise Agreement:** Ms. Balloni reported that Trustee Murphy is negotiating the Cable Franchise agreement with Spectrum, and is in consultation with the Village Attorney.

**Hazard Mitigation Grant:** Ms. Balloni reported that Village Engineer, Ken Teter, is meeting with a Department of Homeland Security financial advisor on May 19 to decide how to move forward with the grant application.

**Summer Swim Program:** Ms. Balloni reported that, in discussions with Carolyn Connors, Trish George at Wells College, and Cathy Murray at SCCS, there is a shortage of lifeguards. Ms. Murray has very few students signed up for her training class in June and Ms. George has one lifeguard who is working at Camp Gregory this summer.

Trustee Miller suggested a higher wage and recruitment campaign and Ms. Balloni agreed but reminded Trustee Miller that applicants must be currently certified in waterfront lifeguarding and approved by the Cayuga County Department of Health.

### **New Business**

**Attorney Contract:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to renew the contract with Blair Law Firm for legal services.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**SCAT VAN Contract:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to renew the annual \$700.00 contribution to the Cayuga County Scat Van.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**Morgan Opera House:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the annual contribution to the Morgan Opera House of \$2,500.00 (\$100.00 increase).

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**Aurora Free Library:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the annual contribution to the Aurora Free Library of \$2,500.00 (\$100.00 increase).

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**Aurora Historical Society:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the annual contribution to the Aurora Historical Society of \$2,500.00 (\$100.00 increase).

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**REV Youth Theatre Contract:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the REV Theatre contract for the annual children's play on July 27, 2022 for \$250.00.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

### **Uniform Permit Resolution**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-25: ADOPTION OF THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED SOLAR PERMIT**

WHEREAS, The Village of Aurora Board of Trustees duly adopted the "NYS Fire Prevention and Building Construction" code to provide minimum requirements to safeguard the public safety; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Aurora Code Enforcement Officer, who administers and enforces all provisions of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, the New York State Energy Code, and the Village Zoning Law Code; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Aurora requires the issuance of a building permit for the construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, removal or demolition of any building or other structure; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code regulates the design, construction, installation, alteration and repair of equipment and systems using solar systems; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority has developed a New York State Unified Solar Permit that reduces the cost for solar projects by streamlining municipal permitting processes: and

WHEREAS, The Village of Aurora Board of Trustees desires to promote the streamlining of the application process for small-scale photovoltaic system installations under 25 kW in size by adopting the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and implementing the new procedures, and

WHEREAS, Residents are required to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Community Preservation Panel for all solar permit applications that front on a public way (including Cayuga Lake); and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees hereby adopts the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and procedures for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

RESOLVED, The Village of Aurora Code Enforcement Officer is hereby directed to use said New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and procedures in the issuance of building permits for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

RESOLVED, Any further actions required of the Village of Aurora to effect the foregoing are hereby authorized and the mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any instruments, documents or the like as required to effect the same.

Motion by Trustee Bianconi and seconded by Trustee Miller. The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Trustee Bianconi	AYE
Trustee Miller	AYE
Trustee Murphy	ABSENT
Trustee Zimdahl	ABSENT
Mayor Orman	AYE

This resolution was adopted.

**Local Law #2 of 2022:**

**Village of Aurora Resolution #22-26 Introducing and Scheduling a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #2 of 2022: Videoconference Attendance of Village Board Meetings**

Introduced by: Trustee Miller  
Seconded by: Trustee Bianconi  
Dated: May 18, 2022

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora (“Village Board”) has determined that it is necessary to enact a local law addressing attendance at board meetings via videoconference; and **WHEREAS**, it is occasionally necessary for Trustees of the Village Board to attend board meetings remotely for various reasons including but not limited to inclement weather, illness, or travel plans and the Village Board wishes to enact a local law allowing for Trustees to attend board meetings via videoconference, with limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Village of Aurora, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) with respect to the enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Village Board of Trustees shall act as lead agency, if applicable, in this matter.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Aurora hereby determines that:

1. The Village Board hereby introduces Proposed Local Law #2 of 2022 in the form annexed hereto for consideration and adoption.
2. The adoption of the proposed local law is a Type II action, pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5, and is thus not subject to SEQRA.
3. The Village Board shall refer this proposed Local Law #2 of 2022 to the Cayuga County GML §239 Review Committee for review and comment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Aurora will conduct a Public Hearing on June 15, 2022 at **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, for the purpose of taking public comment on, and giving due consideration to, the enactment of Proposed Local Law #2 of 2022; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of said Local Law is available for public inspection on the Village Website; [auroranewyork.us](http://auroranewyork.us), or by appointment at the Village Clerk’s Office; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to publish notice of said Public Hearing in the official newspaper.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Mayor James Orman AYE  
Trustee Matt Bianconi AYE  
Trustee John Miller AYE  
Trustee Janet Murphy ABSENT  
Trustee Frank Zimdahl ABSENT

The resolution was adopted.

**Delinquent Water and Sewer Accounts:**

**Resolution # 22-27: 2021-2022 Delinquent Water and Sewer Accounts**

RESOLVED that there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Aurora, the following sums for the fiscal year 2021-2022 totaling \$3,117.35.

On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to add the Delinquent Water and Sewer Payments onto the Village Tax Bills.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Resolution is adopted.

**Board Appointments:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve Mayor Orman's appointments for the following:

**Community Preservation Panel** – Re-appoint Jeff Blum through May 31, 2027. Re-appoint Jim Burkett as the chairperson through May 31, 2023.

**Planning Board** – Re-appoint Michele Murphy through May 31, 2027. Re-appoint Pat Bianconi as chairperson through May 31, 2023.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – Re-appoint Alexis Boyce through May 31, 2027. Re-appoint Karen Hindenlang as chairperson through May 31, 2023.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy and Zimdahl

Motion carried.

**Aurorafest Letter:** Barbara Blom discussed having an event at the Wells College Athletic field on August 27. Ms. Blom noted that the later date is so students may attend. Ms. Blom suggested a golf cart parade, food trucks, beer, wine, and local organization booths. Mayor Orman confirmed with Ms. Blom that there is some money in the village budget that can be used towards the event.

**Wells Signs:** Wells College submitted an application requesting that they be allowed to attach a "Home of Wells College" sign to the Village of Aurora signs at the north and south ends of the village. Trustee Bianconi questioned how the new sign would attach given the larger dimensions of the new sign compared with the existing village sign. Trustee Miller questioned if the village wants multiple signs advertising the various entities in the village. Mayor Orman tabled the discussion for consideration when more information is received.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni

Village Clerk