

## **Village of Aurora Board of Trustees July 20, 2022, Minutes**

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

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Janet Murphy, John Miller, and Frank Zimdahl

**Absent:** Matt Bianconi and Jim Orman

### **Others Present**

**Village Officials:** Clerk Ann Balloni (6:30), Planning Board members Pat Bianconi & Tee-Ann Hunter, CPP member Chris MacCormick, and Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

**Members of the Public:** Grace Bates, Bonnie Bennett, Jodi Bennett, Nolan Gans, Silas MacCormick, Brendan Montgomery, Conrad Murphy, Quinn Murphy, and Ronan Murphy

**Call to Order:** Deputy Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and recorded the minutes of the meeting until the clerk's arrival. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Changes to the Agenda:** Under New Business, add appoint ad hoc committee for potential land purchase, Resolution #22-31, and review a quote for a new meeting room door.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**June 15, 2022:** On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the June 15, 2022, regular meeting minutes.

AYES: Miller, Murphy, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi and Orman

Motion carried.

**June 30, 2020:** On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to approve the June 30, 2022, special meeting minutes.

AYES: Miller, Murphy, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi and Orman

Motion carried.

**Announcements:** Deputy Mayor Murphy read a letter of request from the AuroraFest Committee (attached) for village funding for the August 27, 2022 event. A separate village account for the AuroraFest was set up previously and those funds, \$2,700.00, may be turned over to the committee. On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to authorize Mayor Orman to turn over the Village AuroraFest account to the AuroraFest Committee.

AYES: Miller, Murphy, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi and Orman

Motion carried.

**Visitor Recognition:** Several residents signed a petition (attached) requesting a village basketball court. Brendan Montgomery presented the petition to the Village Board and noted that the request has been submitted to previous village boards.

Discussion ensued on the basketball court, extending the sidewalk to the south end of the village, a village park, and parking.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

### **Bills**

**General:** On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #2 for payment, with the addition of voucher #67.

Voucher #32, 33, 35, 37, 38, 41-48, 50, 51, 53-56, 58, 60, 63, 64, and 66

Total: \$15,848.77

AYES: Miller, Murphy, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi and Orman

Motion carried.

**Water:** On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #2 for payment.

Voucher #33, 36, 47, 55, 59, 61, and 65

Total: \$6,075.40

AYES: Miller, Murphy, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi and Orman

Motion carried.

**Sewer:** On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #2 for payment.

Voucher #33, 34, 37, 39, 40, 46, 47, 49, 52, 55, 57, 62, and 63

Total: \$5,623.87

AYES: Miller, Murphy, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi and Orman

Motion carried.

### **Reports**

**Code Officer** (attached): Officer Green reported on recent permit activity.

**Historian** (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported that she continues to work with the Community Preservation Panel on revisions to section 700 of the Village Zoning Law, assisted with village events, prepared displays, responded to queries, and researched grants.

Dr. Schwab reiterated the urgency of finding a permanent home for the village archives and discussed options with the trustees.

### **Old Business**

**Solar Project:** The Village Board discussed options for the \$5,000.00 grant received for meeting the Climate Smart Community Pledge. In discussions with the Community Preservation Panel and Village Historian, a tree fund was proposed to plant new trees/replace dead or diseased trees. Ms. Balloni confirmed with the Climate Smart contact that a tree fund is acceptable.

The Village Board discussed the proposal and considered using the funds for charging stations, though charging stations were deemed too costly.

On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to use the \$5,000.00 grant money to provide a tree fund for village property owners.

AYES: Miller, Murphy, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi and Orman

Motion carried.

### **New Business**

**Ad Hoc Committee:** On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to approve Mayor Orman's appointment of himself, Grace Bates, Bonnie Bennett, and Tee-Ann Hunter to an ad hoc committee for a potential land purchase of Wells College property along the Cayuga Lake shoreline at the south end of the village.

AYES: Miller, Murphy, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi and Orman

Motion carried.

### **Resolution #22-31: Statement of Intent to Acquire and Maintain Property on Cayuga Lake for Municipal Purposes**

**WHEREAS,** Wells College has indicated in discussions with the village over the past several years that they would be open to selling property at the southern end of their holdings and west of State Route 90; and

**WHEREAS,** the land in question is environmentally sensitive in terms of promoting and protecting water quality, a particular concern of the Village of Aurora Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Aurora lacks suitable access to the lake for all its residents; and

**WHEREAS,** the desire to acquire this land has been expressly stated by the community in the Village of Aurora Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village is able to maintain the property;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees supports the acquisition of land from Wells College and resolves to maintain it.

FIRST: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Trustee Murphy

AYES: Miller, Murphy, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi and Orman

Carried.

**Permit Fee Schedule** (attached): Trustee Zimdahl reviewed the current schedule with the village code enforcement officer and recommended minor changes.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the revisions to the Permit Fee Schedule.

AYES: Miller, Murphy, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi and Orman

Motion carried.

**Patrick Tavern Market Employee:** On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to hire Willow Marsh to assist with the Patrick Tavern Farmer's Market for 1.5 hours per week at minimum wage, including retroactive pay for her work on July 12 & 19.

AYES: Miller, Murphy, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi and Orman

Motion carried.

**Door Bid:** On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve Mike White's (DPW employee) recommendation of B.R. Johnson, LLC to replace the west side meeting room door, for \$2,655.78.

AYES: Miller, Murphy, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi and Orman

Motion carried.

**Dock Regulations:** The Village Board discussed how and if the Village should regulate docks given State and Federal jurisdiction above and below the high-water mark. Discussion was tabled.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk