

**Village of Aurora Board of Trustees June 15, 2022 Minutes**

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

**Present:** Mayor James Orman, Trustees Matt Bianconi, L. John Miller, Janet Murphy, and Frank Zimdahl

**Others Present:** Village Clerk Ann Balloni, ZBA member Laura Holland, Inns of Aurora Comptroller Jodi Bennett, and local resident Brad Brokaw

**Call to Order:** Mayor Orman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2022: Videoconference Attendance of Village Board Meetings**

On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to open the public hearing for Local Law #2 of 2022 at 6:01 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** No public comment

Mayor Orman recommended keeping the public hearing for Local Law #2 of 2022 open until the discussion under New Business and continued with the regular meeting agenda.

**Changes to the Agenda:** Reappoint Jeff Blum to the CPP under Old Business and add discussion of a hazardous tree on Court St to New Business.

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to approve the May 18, 2022, minutes

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Budget Modifications**

**GENERAL FUND**

\$ 552.36	FROM	A1410.2 Clerk/Treasurer- Equipment
1,063.22		A1410.4 Clerk/Treasurer- Copier/Computer
\$ 1,615.68	TO	A1410.12 Treasurer – Personal Services
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\$ 56.71	FROM	A1620.12 Buildings Custodian- Per. Serv.

		TO	A1620.1 Buildings – Per. Serv.
\$ 437.08		FROM	A5110.2 St. Maintenance – Equipment
\$ 12.61	TO		A5110.1 St, Maintenance – Per. Serv.
\$ 424.47			A5110.12 St. Maintenance -Per. Serv. #2

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\$ .04	FROM		A7510.4 Historian – Contractual
		TO	A7510.1 Historian - Per. Serv.

**SEWER FUND**

\$ 2,330.42		FROM	G8130.47 Sewage Treatment - Sludge
\$2,210.07	TO		G8130.1 Sewage Treatment – Per. Serv.
\$ 120.35			G9030.8 Social Security

**Encumbrances**

General Fund

A1620.23 Buildings – Firehouse - \$5,146.31 new meeting room west door

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to accept the Budget Modifications in the General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Encumbrances in the General Fund.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Bills**

**General:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #1 for payment.

Voucher #2, 3, 6-15, 17, 19-23, 25-29, and 31

Total: \$20,354.38

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Water:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #1 for payment.

Voucher #1, 4, 7, 14-16, and 30

Total: \$10,386.61

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #1 for payment.

Voucher #4, 5, 7, 12-15, 17-19, 21, 24, and 27

Total: \$14,239.20

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Reports**

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

**Historian** (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on continuing to work with Wells College on creating an archive space for village and college records. Dr. Schwab is working with a Community Preservation Panel subcommittee on revising section 708 of the Village Zoning Law. The May 30 Memorial Day observance was held at St Patrick's cemetery. Displays and responses to queries are ongoing.

**Miscellaneous:** Ms. Balloni reported that the CWIO Executive Committee met with the first watershed manager candidate and the second candidate interview is scheduled for June 27.

## **Old Business**

**Reappointment of Alexis Boyce to the ZBA:** The Village Board determined that the vote to reappoint Alexis Boyce last month should be rescinded because her husband, Matt Bianconi, was one of three votes to approve.

On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to rescind the May 18, 2022, vote to reappoint Alexis Boyce to the ZBA.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to reappoint Alexis Boyce to the ZBA through May 31, 2027.

AYES: Miller, Murphy, Orman, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Bianconi

Motion carried.

**Reappointment of Jeff Blum to the CPP:** Mr. Blum has been out of town and was unable to sign the oath book within the required 30 days, therefore the Village Board agreed to reappoint him with a new deadline of July 15 to sign the oath book.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to reappoint Jeff Blum to the CPP through May 31, 2027.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

**Williamson Law Book Contracts:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to renew the Williamson Law Book software contracts for 2022/2023:

Water/Sewer-\$1,108.00

Tax Collection-\$475.00

Payroll-\$870.00

Municipal Accounting and Budget Preparation-\$1,108.00

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Grant Resolution:**

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Aurora has applied for grant money through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS,** as part of the Hazard Mitigation Grant process, a local funding match is required; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village is in need of a Waste Water Treatment Plant generator upgrade; and

**WHEREAS,** the total cost of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Generator Upgrade Project is estimated to be \$ 160,180.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is such that 90% of the project cost will be paid for by FEMA and 10% must be funded by the Village of Aurora (\$ 16,018.00);

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Village of Aurora will provide the matching fund requirement of \$16,018.00 if awarded the Hazard Mitigation Grant for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Generator Upgrade Project.

FIRST: Trustee Zimdahl

SECOND: Trustee Murphy

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

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously

**Local Law #2 of 2022:** Village Attorney, Tom Blair, recommended revising Local Law #2 of 2022 due to the recent changes New York State has made regarding videoconferencing.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to close the public hearing for Local Law #2 of 2022 and table the discussion until the appropriate changes are decided.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Building Permit Fees:** The Village Board discussed revising the fee schedule that was established in 2012. Officer Green submitted three options for comparison from Ledyard, Owasco, and Union Springs. On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to appoint Trustee Zimdahl as Village Board liaison to the Code Enforcement Office and work with Officer Green on revising the permit fees.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Solar Projects:** Ms. Balloni informed the trustees that the Village has completed the Climate Smart Community Pledge requirements and is eligible for a \$5,000.00 grant. Trustee Miller will contact Robb Jetty, Jr., a solar expert, to discuss the best use for the grant.

**ZBA Appointments:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the appointment of Brad Brokaw to the ZBA through May 31, 2023 (vacancy) and Frank Losurdo as the ZBA Alternate through May 31, 2027.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Court Street Tree:** Mayor Orman noted that another significant branch came down on wires on Court St, the second time in a couple of months. The property owner contacted the Village to determine responsibility for taking it down as the tree is in the Village right-of-way. Trustee Miller volunteered to call the property owner to discuss options.

Mayor Orman also made a point of thanking village employees Adam Van Horn and Mike White for their stellar job cleaning village streets.

The trustees again discussed the problem of speeding on Court St. and how best to divert traffic away from residents and the playground.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Ann Balloni

Village Clerk