

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees October 19, 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, Village Historian Dr. Linda Schwab, and Inns of Aurora General Manger Sue Edinger

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

Mayor Orman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Alan Clugston, a distinguished professor at Wells College and village icon, who passed away on October 12, 2022.

Changes to the Agenda: Under New Business, Patrick Tavern Building Use Policy and Delinquent Taxes is added, and Landmark Recommendations is tabled until next month.
Inns of Aurora spa water usage is added under Old Business.

Approval of Minutes

September 19, 2022 Special Meeting: On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the September 19, 2022 special meeting minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

September 21, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting: On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the September 21, 2022 public hearing and regular meeting minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor: Mayor Orman noted the NYSDOT patch paving in the village, specifically in front of the north entrance to Wells College. Repaving State Rt 90 through the village is not scheduled yet.

The mayor, clerk, President Gibraltar from Wells College, and Cayuga County Planning Consultant Kari Terwilliger presented the village NY Forward grant application to the Regional Economic Development Council on October 18.

The mayor received a nice thank you from the AuroraFest Committee.

Clerk: The village received approval for the use of the \$5,000.00 grant from NYSERDA to plant more trees in the village.

A copy of a thank you from King Ferry Food Pantry for donations from the farmers markets at Patrick Tavern and Wells College was received.

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

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Bills

General: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #5 for payment.

Voucher #141-144, 146, 147, 149-151, 153-166, 168, 169, and 172

Total: \$14,415.30

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Water: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #5 for payment.

Voucher #140, 148, 151, 155, 160, 166, 167, and 170

Total: \$6,307.36

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #5 for payment.

Voucher #140-145, 150-152, 158, 160, 165, 166, 170, and 171

Total: \$8,661.17

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Water Improvement System: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Improvement System Fund Abstract #5 for payment.

Voucher #160

Total: \$357.50

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 museum trends in the Covid era, a presentation on the Aurora Free Library and its neighbors, assisting with the NY Forward grant application, and the continued progress on Patrick Tavern.

Dr. Schwab referred to a request from Suzanne “Cookie” Wheeler to supply lunch for senior citizens twice a month at Patrick Tavern. Dr. Schwab noted that it is dependent on weather and the Aurora Free Library has agreed to be the back-up space, as needed.

Trustee Murphy questioned Department of Health and Code approval. Dr. Schwab replied that Ms. Wheeler has DOH approval through her catering business and Officer Green has not expressed any concerns with Ms. Wheeler’s request.

Trustee Zimdahl questioned Aurora Historical Society approval and Dr. Schwab confirmed that they are onboard.

On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve Suzanne Wheeler’s request to serve lunch at Patrick Tavern twice a month, weather permitting.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

CWIO: Ms. Balloni reminded the trustees that the October Cayuga Lake Watershed Inter-Municipal Organization meeting is October 26 from 4-6 at Taylor House Conference Center.

Old Business

Inns of Aurora Spa Water Agreement: Ms. Edinger requested a commitment from the Village to increase the maximum number of gallons of water that can be used by the spa from 3,000/day to 20,000/day. Ms. Edinger noted that the spa averages 70-75 clients/ day and the Inns of Aurora are only requesting an increase based on current conditions. The highest number recorded for one day was 11,000 gallons and the average is approximately 6,000-7,000/day.

Wells College has indicated that they are comfortable with the pumping capability of the water plant with the increase but village engineer, Ken Teter, is concerned with the Sherwood Road water tank capacity and noted his maximum comfort level is 12,000 gallons/day.

Mayor Orman assured Ms. Edinger that the village is committed to working with the Inns of Aurora on amending the water agreement, but only if Wells College is included.

On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to authorize Mayor Orman to negotiate the water agreement with the Inns of Aurora and submit the final version to the trustees for approval.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Basketball Court: Trustee Miller requested an update on the petition brought to the Village Board in July for a village basketball court. Trustee Miller added that the Blessing of the Boats committee is willing to pay for it.

Mayor Orman noted that the NY Forward grant application asks for funding for a village community center and a basketball court could be included. Trustee Miller replied that the petitioners prefer not to wait and a basketball court can be installed anytime.

New Business

Patrick Tavern Building Use Policy (attached): Dr. Schwab noted that the policy adopted in 2020 was specific to Covid-19 precautions and needed an update for the current situation.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the updated Patrick Tavern Use Policy, submitted by Dr. Schwab.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk