

## **Village of Aurora Board of Trustees November 16, 2022, Meeting 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, and Frank Zimdahl

**Absent:** Trustee Janet Murphy

**Others Present**

**Village Officials:** Clerk Ann Balloni, Planning Board Chairperson Pat Bianconi, and Engineer Ken Teter

**Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority (CCWSA):** Tim Carpenter, Herb Marshall, Karl Rindfleisch, and Doug Selby

**Members of the Public:** Jodi Bennett and Kevin Fitzgerald

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

**Changes to the Agenda:** CCWSA Inter-Municipal Agreement is removed from New Business.

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the October 19, 2022, minutes

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Orman, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Announcements**

**Clerk:** The village once again received a loyalty reward from Worker's Comp and the clerk notified the Board that the quarterly sales tax distribution is included in the meeting packets.

### **Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority Presentation**

The CCWSA discussed with the trustees a proposal to partner with the Village on seeking funding for installation of a sewer line along Cayuga Lake from Sunset Beach and Lake Road to the end of Honoco Road, which includes upgrades to the Village Waste-Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) to handle the extra discharge. The project encompasses parts of the Village of Aurora, the Town of Ledyard, and the Town of Genoa.

The CCWSA submitted a draft Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) to the Village on November 8 and the village attorney, Tom Blair, is reviewing it. Via email, the CCWSA introduced their financial consultant, Mark Colopy, to village engineer, Ken Teter, to begin preliminary project funding discussions.

The CCWSA indicated their desire to have an agreement in place soon to meet funding application deadlines, but Mr. Teter and Mr. Blair have questions and concerns on some of the language of the agreement. Mr. Teter noted that upgrades to the WWTP are "prudent but not necessary", meaning that there are no violations or consent orders issued. Mr. Teter also questioned who is administering the grant and Mr. Marshall indicated that Mr. Colopy will complete and file the applications.

Mr. Selby noted that the CCWSA is only looking to meet the thresholds of the funding application requirements and is not asking for a commitment from the village, but an indication of interest. Mr. Teter and Mayor Orman remarked that the village views this as an opportunity, and are amenable to a partnership, but want to know exactly what improvements are needed at the WWTP , along with the potential financial impact to the village, before moving forward with the agreement.

**Treasurer's Report:** On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to accept the October Treasurer's Report.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Budget Modifications**

#### **GENERAL FUND**

\$790.00	FROM	A1990.4 Contingent Account
	TO	A1620.24 Buildings - DPW

Reimbursement of funds for the addition of DPW Garage electric service not budgeted so as to cover the regular budgeted items – Charter Communications monthly billing.

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

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Bills**

**General:** On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #6 for payment.

Voucher #173-178, 180-191, 193-202, 204-207, and 209-211

Total: \$22,961.59

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy

Motion carried unanimously.

**Water:** On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #6 for payment.

Voucher #173, 180, 181, 186, 190, 198, 203, and 208

Total: \$9,266.89

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer:** On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #6 for payment.  
Voucher #175, 176, 178-181, 188, 190, 192, 195, 198, and 203  
Total: \$10,808.46  
AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Water Improvement System:** On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Improvement System Fund Abstract #6 for payment.  
Voucher #203  
Total: \$660.00  
AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Orman and Zimdahl  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Murphy  
Motion carried unanimously.

### **Reports**

**Code Officer:** No report

**Historian** (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on a Peter Fort house query and expanded uses at Patrick Tavern.

### **Old Business**

#### **VB Resolution #22-37: Charter Communications Franchise Agreement Amendment:**

**Resolved** that the Village Board accept the amendment to the Charter Franchise Agreement, in section 4.1 Indemnification, that "the Grantor shall give the Grantee written notice of its obligation to indemnify the Grantor within 15 days [amended from 30 days] of receipt of a claim or action pursuant to this section."

FIRST: Bianconi  
SECOND: Miller  
AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Orman and Zimdahl  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Murphy  
Carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

**Re-Appointment to Cayuga County Planning Board:** On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to re-appoint Pat Bianconi to the Cayuga County Planning Board.  
AYES: Miller, Orman and Zimdahl  
NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Bianconi  
ABSENT: Murphy  
Motion carried unanimously.  
All present applauded Ms. Bianconi's continued service.

**Local Law #4 of 2022:** (clerk's note: changed to Local Law #1 of 2023 due to adoption after the new year)

**VB RESOLUTION #22-38: INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2022 ENTITLED  
TO AMEND THE 2020 ZONING LAW**

**WHEREAS,** it is the intention of the Village of Aurora to maintain a viable land use law as the Village of Aurora Zoning Law, and

**WHEREAS,** the current Zoning Law of 2020 requires revisions to conform with existing New York State and Federal regulations and correct inconsistencies, and

**WHEREAS,** it is the Board's intent to conform with existing New York State and Federal regulations and correct these inconsistencies, and

**WHEREAS,** this is a Type II Action action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c) (26 & 33) requiring no further SEQR review; and

**WHEREAS,** at a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora, County of Cayuga, State of New York, held at the Village Hall, 456 Main Street, Aurora, New York, at 6:00 p.m. on November 16, 2022, the following members of the Village Board of Trustees being present:

Trustee Matt Bianconi  
Trustee L. John Miller  
Trustee Frank Zimdahl  
Mayor James Orman

The instant Resolution came to be heard and considered:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora as follows:

1. The Village Board of Trustees hereby introduces Proposed Local Law #4 of 2022 in the form annexed hereto for consideration and adoption.
2. The Village Board of Trustees hereby determines that the aforementioned Local Law is a Type II action as defined in 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(26 & 33)
3. The Village Board of Trustees has properly noticed a Public Hearing on the Proposed Local Law #4 of 2022 to be held at Village Hall on December 21, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m.;

Now upon the Motion of Trustee and Seconded by Trustee a roll-call vote is tallied by the Village Clerk as follows:

Trustee Bianconi - AYE

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

At least 3 of the above-named Village Board of Trustee members having voted in the affirmative, this resolution is adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022

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

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Orman, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk