

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees January 18, 2023 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held via ZOOM at 6:00 p.m.

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

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni, ZBA members Brad Brokaw, Karen Hindenlang & Laura Holland, and Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

Aurora Historical Society: Tom & Maralee Gunderson, Ginger Johnson, Ken Larson, Tracy Leffingwell, Rob LoMoscola, and Anne Wiley

Inns of Aurora: Sue Edinger

Members of the Public: Grace Bates, Crawford Thoburn, and an unknown representative from United Ministry of Aurora

Call to Order: Mayor Orman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2023: To Amend the Village Zoning Law

On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to open the Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2023 at 6:05 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Adjournment: Mayor Orman kept the Public Hearing open until the adoption of the law under New Business.

On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to close the Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2023 at 6:20 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Changes to the Agenda: Post Office furnace bids is removed under New Business

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the December 21, 2023 minutes

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor: Mayor Orman informed the Board that he had a preliminary discussion with the Village Engineer regarding having Barton & Loguidice do an assessment of the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mayor Orman also informed the Board that they are beginning the annual assessment of all village buildings.

Clerk: Ms. Balloni reminded the Board of the NY Planning Federation conference in April and the January 24 Cayuga County Association of Villages dinner.

Reports

Historian (see attached): Dr. Schwab submitted a written acknowledgement (attached) thanking the Aurora Historical Society for their service and work on Patrick Tavern.

Aurora Historical Society: President Leffingwell submitted the annual report (attached) to the Board of Trustees.

Old Business

Cayuga Lake National Bank Record Storage Agreement: On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to renew the Record Storage Agreement with Cayuga Lake National Bank.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Adoption of Local Law #1 of 2023:

VB Resolution 23-01: Adopting Local Law #1 OF 2023 Entitled To Amend Local Law #1 OF 2020: To Regulate Land Use and Provide for Historic Preservation

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 correct inconsistencies, and

WHEREAS, it is the Board's intent to maintain a consistent zoning law, and

WHEREAS, this is a Type II Action requiring no further State Environmental Quality 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 January 18, 2023, the following members of the Village Board of Trustees being present:

JIM ORMAN, MAYOR
MATT BIANCONI
JOHN MILLER
JANET MURPHY
FRANK ZIMDAHL

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 determines that the aforementioned Local Law is a Type II action as defined in 6 NYCRR §617.4(b)(9) requiring no further environmental review;
2. The Village Board of Trustees held a properly noticed Public Hearing on the Proposed Local Law #1 of 2023 at Village Hall on January 18, 2023 beginning at approximately 6:00 p.m.;

3. The Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local Law #1 of 2023 in the form annexed hereto.

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

Trustee Bianconi AYE
Trustee Miller AYE
Trustee Murphy AYE
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 18th day of January 2023.

Introduction of Local Law #2 of 2023:

**VILLAGE OF AURORA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2023 ENTITLED
“A LOCAL LAW ENACTING A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 466-a OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW”**

Introduced by: Trustee Zimdahl
Seconded by: Trustee Miller
Dated: January 18, 2023

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State legislation enacted in late 2022, local governments are now permitted to provide a real property tax exemption to volunteer firefighters and/or volunteer ambulance workers on the assessed valuation of their primary residence pursuant to Section 466-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora deems it to be in the best interests of the Village to adopt a Local Law to establish said exemption and to set forth the requirements for eligibility for the same; 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, therefore the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the Local Law is not deemed to have any impact on the environment and thus is not subject to SEQRA pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.2(b); and

WHEREAS, pursuant an Agreement between the Cayuga County Planning Board and the Village of Aurora adopted on June 25, 2014, the adoption or amendment of a zoning ordinance or local law that does not increase the type or number of uses permitted within a particular zoning district or increase the intensity or density of development permitted within a particular zoning district is not subject to review by the Cayuga County Planning Board pursuant to General Municipal Law § 239(l-m):

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated as if set forth herein at length.
2. The Board of Trustees hereby introduces proposed Local Law #2 of 2023 in the form annexed hereto for consideration and adoption.
3. The Board of Trustees deems that the adoption of the proposed Local Law is not an “action” as defined by SEQRA in that it will not have an effect on the environment, and thus, is not subject to SEQRA.

4. As Local Law #2 of 2023 is not an adoption or amendment of a zoning ordinance or local law that increases the type or number of uses permitted within a particular zoning district, nor does it increase the intensity or density of development permitted within a particular zoning district, no referral to the Cayuga County Planning Board pursuant to General Municipal Law § 239(l-m) is required.
5. The Board of Trustees will conduct a Public Hearing at the Village of Aurora Municipal Building on February 15, 2023, 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 2023.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

At least 3 of the above-named Village Board of Trustee members having voted in the affirmative, this resolution is adopted this 18th day of January 2023.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk