

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees March 29, 2023 Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Aurora Firehouse Meeting Room at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Orman

Trustees Matt Bianconi, L. John Miller, Janet Murphy, and Frank Zimdahl (video-conference)

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni, Treasurer Deborah Brooks (via phone), and Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

Members of the Public: Tracy Leffingwell and Steve Zabriskie

Call to Order: Mayor Orman called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2023/2024 Budgets Public Hearing

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to open the public hearing for the 2023/2024 tentative budgets at 5:34 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Steve Zabriskie: Mr. Zabriskie requested \$2,500.00 in funding for the Aurora Masonic Center. Mr. Zabriskie noted that the Village budgets \$2,500.00 each for the Aurora Free Library, the Aurora Historical Society, and the Morgan Opera House. The Aurora Masonic Center supports free, public programs and should receive equal funding.

Mr. Zabriskie read a letter (attached) from Village Historian, Dr. Linda Schwab, supporting his request.

On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to close the public hearing for the 2023/2024 tentative budgets at 5:42 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The Village Board discussed funding the Aurora Masonic Center the same amount as other village not-for-profits. Ms. Brooks confirmed that a new line item can be created for the Aurora Masonic Center.

VB Resolution #23-06: To Amend the 2023/2024 General Fund Budget

WHEREAS: the Village Board budgets \$2,500.00 each for the Aurora Free Library, Aurora Historical Society, and the Morgan Opera House; and

WHEREAS: the Aurora Masonic Center has requested equal funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that on motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board votes to amend the 2023/2024 General Fund Budget to include a line item for \$2,500.00 for the Aurora Masonic Center.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the 2023/2024 Budgets, as amended. The 2023/2024 budgets have a 100% equalization rate and a village tax rate of \$2.54/\$1,000.00 of assessment, remaining within last year's tax rate.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk