

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees July 19, 2023 Minutes

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

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

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni, Planning Board Chairperson Pat Bianconi, Treasurer Deborah Brooks, CPP members Jim Burkett, Chris MacCormick, and Claire Morehouse, ZBA member Laura Holland, and DPW Employee Mike White

Aurora Historical Society: Tracy Leffingwell

Inns of Aurora: Sue Edinger and Corey Guerrette

Members of the Public: Shirley Egan and Matt Richards

Call to Order: Mayor Orman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance there was a moment of silence for Lorin Correll and Frank Piechuta, Aurora Volunteer Fire Department members.

Changes to the Agenda: Remove Introduction to Local Law #4 of 2023 and CPP Jurisdiction within the Village of Aurora from New Business.

Approval of Minutes

June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting: On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the June 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

June 28, 2023 Special Meeting: : On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the June 28, 2023 special meeting minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor: Trustees Murphy and Zimdahl and Clerk Balloni attended a meeting with Cayuga County Planning, Villages of Cayuga and Union Springs, and the County Economic Development Agency (CEDA) to discuss DRI/NY Forward grant applications with NY Empire State Development representative Daniel Kolinski. Mayor Orman confirmed that the village is pursuing an individual grant and a joint grant with Cayuga and Union Springs.

Mike White: Mr. White expressed sincere thanks to Mayor Orman and Trustees Miller and Zimdahl for their assistance during a sewer line break on Tuesday night, July 11.

Trustee Miller: Mr. Miller recommended sending a thank you letter to Randy Bench for organizing Randypalooza! on July 8.

Visitor Welcome: No comments.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Bills

General: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #2 for payment.

Voucher #32-38, 40-48, 50-56, 59, 60, and 62

Total: \$11,039.66

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 #2 for payment.

Voucher #33, 38, 48, 52, 57, 58, and 61

Total: \$966.27

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 #2 for payment.

Voucher #32-36, 39, 48, 49, 51, 58, and 60

Total: \$3,921.77

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Code Officer: No report.

Historian (see attached): Dr Schwab participated in an enlightening interview on “the Mysterious Origins of the Aurora Bridge” with KIRO, the CBS affiliate in Seattle, WA. Additionally, Dr. Schwab commented on recent queries, participating with the Town of Ledyard on a Reading of the Declaration of Independence, and planning a “museum crawl” with other area museums.

Old Business

Patrick Tavern: Trustee Zimdahl met with Aurora Historical Society President, Tracy Leffingwell, who noted that the AHS is consulting with an architect to continue their renovation project.

Village Park Steps: Trustee Zimdahl conferred with Mike White on replacing the bottom steps. Mr. White consulted a contractor and reported that the cost is between \$5,000-&7,000. Trustee Zimdahl suggested that the Village consult with the Inns of Aurora on shore cleanup and lake access.

Basketball Court: Trustee Miller suggested consulting with Suit Kote on a village basketball court while they are here in August paving Court St.

WIIA Grant Update: Village engineer, Ken Teter, spoke with Mayor Orman and recommended a meeting with Wells College to determine their water plant plans so that the village has a clear direction for the WIIA Grant funding.

New Business

Water Tank Proposal: The trustees discussed with Mike White the Aquastore proposal for cleaning, repairing the leak, and resealing the Sherwood Road water tank. Mr. White consulted with Village Engineer, Ken Teter, who considered breaking down the work into separate projects, due to the cost. Mr. Teter also requested time to research potential emergency funding from NY State.

The trustees agreed that completing all the work while the tank is drained is more prudent and discussed scheduling a special meeting within the next couple of weeks with a decision, as the timeline for the repair is needed before winter and preferably before the students return to Wells campus.

Trustee Miller suggested a bank note for funding, but Treasurer Brooks recommended applying for a loan.

Post Office Windows: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to hire Case Construction at a cost of \$9,480.00 to replace the post office windows.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Painting the Firehouse: On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to hire Duthie Painting Co., Inc to paint the doors, trim, and gutters of the firehouse at a cost of \$9,500.00.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

NY Forward/DRI Grant Application – Cleveland Hall: On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to pursue funding for renovating Cleveland Hall on Wells College Campus for Wells/Village/Not-for-Profit/Business office space on the NY Forward/DRI grant application.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

IT Proposal: Mayor Orman consulted with Senator Rachel May's office on potential funding for technology upgrades of \$50,000.00.

Planning Board Appointment: On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to accept Mayor Orman's appointment of Laura Heslop to the Village Planning Board.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman, and Zimdahl
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

CLWN Membership Fee: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to renew the annual membership fee of \$50.00 with the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network.
AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman, and Zimdahl
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.
AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman, and Zimdahl
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.