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Village of Aurora Board of Trustees April 17, 2024 Regular and Annual Organizational Meeting
Minutes

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

Present: Deputy Mayor Janet Murphy, Trustees JD Balloni, Matt Bianconi, and John Miller

Absent: Mayor Orman

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni

Aurora Historical Society: Shirley Egan

Inns of Aurora: Sue Edinger

Members of the Public: Grace Bates, Donna Cerza, Burch Craig, Jacci & Virgil Farlow

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

Changes to the Agenda: Declare the Toro grandmaster lawnmower surplus equipment is added under New Business.

Approval of Minutes

March 20, 2024: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the March 20, 2024 minutes

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

April 3, 2024: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the April 3, 2024 special meeting minutes

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Announcements

Clerk: Ms. Balloni informed the Board that an email is being sent to residents reminding them of the Sherwood Road water tank repair, beginning June 3. The repair should take a couple weeks and the Village is recommending that users conserve water for the duration of the repair.

Treasurer's Report: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to accept the February Treasurer's Report.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Budget Modifications

Water Fund

\$26,068.00 From: G231 MM Savings Sewer Repair Reserve

To: G8130.2R Sewer Treatment Capital Repairs

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

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Bills

General: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #11 for payment.

Voucher #347, 349, 352-365, 368-374, 376-379, and 382-384

Total: \$15,070.22

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Water: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #11 for payment.

Voucher #362, 363, and 381

Total: \$3,569.18

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Sewer: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #11 for payment.

Voucher #348, 350-353, 357, 360, 362, 363, 367, 375, 379, and 380

Total: \$33,309.99

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Reports

Historian (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on research and presentations on Benjamin Ledyard, recent queries, and committee work.

Aurora Historical Society (see attached): Shirley Egan submitted the Historical Society's quarterly report and information on the Preservation League of NYS April 25 presentation on Aurora and Patrick Tavern at the Morgan Opera House.

Morgan Opera House (see attached annual report)

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed

New Business

Local Law #3 of 2024: To Regulate Short-Term Rentals in the Village of Aurora

Trustee Miller asked for assurance that voting to introduce Local Law #3 of 2024 does not indicate endorsement or a vote in favor of the law. Trustee Murphy responded that tonight is only the introduction, that the Board will set the public hearing date for the public to comment, the Board can vote following the public hearing, or table the vote for additional consideration.

**VILLAGE OF AURORA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2024
ENTITLED "TO REGULATE SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN THE VILLAGE OF AURORA"**

Introduced by: Trustee Murphy

Seconded by: Trustee Bianconi

Dated: April 17, 2024

WHEREAS, the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees (the "Board of Trustees") deems it to be in the best interests of the Village to adopt a Local Law to regulate short term rentals ("STRs) in the Village to balance economic opportunity with protections of community character and availability of housing stock for full-time residents; 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; and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Planning Board 239 Committee reviewed previous versions, Local Law #5 of 2023, and Local Law #2 of 2024 and determined "no inter-municipal concerns and to be of local concern only".

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 #3 of 2024 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 #3 of 2024 does not significantly change the intent of the law reviewed by the Cayuga County Planning Board 239 Committee, on November 15, 2023 and, following re-introduction, on January 18, 2024, which found “no inter-municipal impacts”, the committee has declined a subsequent review.
5. The Board of Trustees will conduct a Public Hearing at the Village of Aurora Municipal Building on April 29, 2024, 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 #3 of 2024.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Matt Bianconi AYE
Trustee Balloni AYE
Trustee John Miller AYE
Trustee Janet Murphy AYE
Mayor James Orman ABSENT

Bates Donation Agreement (see attached): Ms. Bates submitted copies of an informal agreement for the Board to consider, noting that once all parties agree, a formal agreement will be drafted for signing. Ms. Bates added that the closing for her to purchase the proposed park property along Cayuga Lake at the south end of the village from Wells College, is scheduled for this month and once the donation agreement is signed, she can turn the property over to the village.

CPP Recommended Zoning Amendments (attached): The Community Preservation Panel submitted revisions to section 700 of the Village Zoning Law (adopted March 20, 2024) for the Board to consider.

Zoning Permit Application Forms: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board authorized the Village Clerk, Planning Board Chair, ZBA Chair, and Code/Zoning Enforcement Officer to review the Zoning Permit Application forms, suggested by Cayuga County Planning, and submit their recommendations to the Village Board.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

May Cayuga County Village Association Dinner: Ms. Balloni reminded the Board that the Village of Aurora is the host for the May CCAV meeting, May 28, 2024. Trustee Murphy advised the Board members to contact Mayor Orman with any suggestions for a venue/caterer/speaker.

Declare Toro Grandmaster Lawnmower Surplus Equipment:

VB Resolution #24-08: To Declare the 1983 Toro Grandmaster as Surplus Equipment

WHEREAS: the Village DPW requests that the Village Board of Trustees declare the 1983 Toro Grandmaster lawnmower as surplus equipment; and

WHEREAS: the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees authorize the sale of the 1983 Toro Grandmaster via sealed bid;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees declare the 1983 Ford Toro Grandmaster as surplus equipment and instruct the Village Clerk to notice that the lawnmower is for sale via sealed bid.

First: Trustee Murphy

Second: Trustee Balloni

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Carried.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:22 p.m.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Annual Organizational Meeting

Call to Order: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Annual Organizational Meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Appointments

Village Historian (annual): On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to appoint Dr. Linda Schwab as the Village Historian through May 31, 2025.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor: On motion by Trustee Balloni, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to table the Deputy Mayor appointment until Mayor Orman is present.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Village Clerk/Tax Collector (two-year): On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to appoint Ann Balloni as Village Clerk/Tax Collector through May 31, 2026.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Balloni

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer (two-year): On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to appoint Deborah Brooks as Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer through May 31, 2026.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Code/Zoning Enforcement Officer (annual): On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to appoint Robert Rhea Village Code/Zoning Enforcement Officer through May 31, 2025.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

See attached organizational Meeting Resolutions.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to adjourn the Annual Organizational Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk