

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees April 3, 2024 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 (Zoom)

Trustees JD Balloni, Matt Bianconi (Zoom), L. John Miller, and Janet Murphy

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni and Treasurer Deborah Brooks

Members of the Public: Jodi Bennett and Sue Edinger from the Inns of Aurora

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

2023/2024 Budgets Public Hearing

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to open the public hearing for the 2024/2025 tentative budgets at 5:33 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Sue Edinger: Ms. Edinger explained her initial concerns over a proposed commercial water rate but, following conversations with members of the village board, thanked the board for considering a more equitable rate increase.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to close the public hearing for the 2024/2025 tentative budgets at 5:35 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Discussion

Following the introduction of the 2024/2025 budgets at the March 20, 2024 meeting, Mayor Orman discussed with Ms. Brooks decreasing the commercial water rate from \$10.53/\$1,000 gallons to \$8.35/1,000 gallons and Ms. Brooks amended the water budget to reflect the change.

The trustees discussed increasing all users to \$8.35/1,000 gallons, currently \$7.80/1,000 gallons for residents, but Trustee Miller viewed that as unfair to year-round residents who bear the cost burden of “part-time users” within the village and remarked that it is a “business expense” for commercial users. The board members agreed. Trustee Miller confirmed with Ms. Brooks that water/sewer rates can be changed at any time, not just during the budget process.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to accept the amended 2024/2025 Water Budget.

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

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to approve the 2024/2025 General Fund Budget with a village tax rate of \$2.60/\$1,000.00 of assessment, and to approve the 2024/2025 Sewer Fund Budget.
AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, and Orman
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.
AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, and Orman
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk