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Village of Aurora Board of Trustees May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni, CPP Chairperson Jim Burkett

Members of the Public: See attached list

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

Changes to the Agenda: Under New Business, Bates Donation Agreement is tabled. The trustees will go into Executive Session following New Business

Approval of Minutes

April 17, 2024: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the April 17, Regular and Organizational Meeting minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

April 22, 2024: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the April 22, Special Meeting minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor: Mayor Orman is meeting with Senator Rachel May on Friday, May 17 to discuss Wells College closing and the water plant situation.

Clerk: The Board reviewed a proclamation (attached) declaring June 5, 2024 "Ann Burch Day" in honor of her 100th birthday.

On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to declare June 5, 2024 "Ann Burch Day", in honor of her 100th birthday and for her service to the village.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Welcome: No comments.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Budget Modifications

General Fund

\$3,641.75 From: A1410.12 Treasurer-Personal Services
To: A1410.1 Clerk/Deputy Clerk-Personal Services

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to accept the Budget Modifications in the General Fund.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Fund

\$1,736.38 From: G8130.47 Sewage Treatment-Sludge
\$449.0 To: G8130.45 Sewage Treatment-Chemicals
\$1,287.38 To: G8130.48 Sewage Treatment-Lab

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to accept the Budget Modifications in the Sewer Fund.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Bills

General: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #12 for payment.

Voucher #387-393, 395-407, 409-416, 418-420, and 422

Total: \$21,241.00

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Water: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #12 for payment.

Voucher #290, 385, 386, 406, 409, 413, 418, and 421

Total: \$4,048.19

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #12 for payment.

Voucher #385, 392-394, 404, 406, 408, 409, 413, 417, and 418

Total: \$2,925.92

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Water Improvement Fund: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Improvement Fund Abstract #12 for payment.

Voucher #413

Total: \$60.00

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Code Officer: No report

Historian (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on recent queries and displays, specifically related to the Wells College closure announcement, tours and committee work.

Aurora Historical Society: Shirley Egan, president of the AHS, gave a presentation on the history of Patrick Tavern and planned renovations. Ms. Egan requested Board permission to create a second-floor storage room and install an alarm system. Ms. Egan further noted that because the Aurora Historical Society merged with the Town of Ledyard Historical Society, a new Memorandum of Understanding is needed with the Village.

On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to allow the Aurora-Ledyard Historical Society to create storage space on the second floor of Patrick Tavern, install an alarm system in Patrick Tavern, and review a revised MOU with the village attorney for discussion at the Village Board June 19, 2024 regular meeting.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Village Zoning Law: As of this date, the new zoning law has not been filed by NY State Department of State. Given the sudden announcement of Wells College closing and suggestions for changes by the Community Preservation Panel, the Trustees recommend discussion at a special meeting. For now, the Village is working under the current zoning law.

On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to schedule a date for a special meeting to discuss the Village Zoning Law.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Speed Bumps on Court Street: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to install the temporary speed bumps on Court Street and work toward a permanent solution to slow down traffic.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Short Term Rental Law

VB Resolution #24-24 To Adopt a Short-Term Rental Law

Introduced by: Trustee Miller

Seconded by: Trustee Murphy

Dated: May 15, 2024

WHEREAS, the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees (“the Board of Trustees”) deems it to be in the best interest 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, the Village held a Zoom information session on November 29, 2023 to listen to public concerns and questions, of which answers were posted on the Village website; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board held public hearings for an STR law on December 20, 2023, and January 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Cayuga County Planning 239 Committee reviewed the STR Law and found “no inter-municipal impacts”; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees took a hard look and revised and re-introduced a STR Law (Local Law #3 of 2024) at their April 17, 2024 regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees held a properly noticed Public Hearing on May 9, 2024 to take comment for and against the revised STR law, Local Law #3 of 2024; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Aurora hereby adopts Local Law #3 of 2024

Trustee Balloni AYE

Trustee Bianconi AYE

Trustee Miller AYE

Trustee Murphy AYE

Mayor Orman AYE

At least 3 of the above-mentioned Trustees voted in favor of Local Law #3 of 2024 and the Short-Term Rental Law is duly adopted.

(Clerk’s Note: Due to NY State’s lack of filing Local Law #1 and Local Law #2 of 2024, the Short-Term Rental Law is now Local Law #1 of 2024)

Inns of Aurora Water/Sewer Bill Adjustment Request (see attached letter): On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to authorize Treasurer Brooks to send a revised water/sewer bill reflecting the actual usage for account #1005 (Aurora Inn)

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

NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Delinquent Water/Sewer Accounts (see attached list)

Resolution # 24-25: 2023-2024 Delinquent Water and Sewer Accounts

RESOLVED that there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Aurora, the following sums for the fiscal year 2023-2024 totaling \$4,161.91.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to add the Delinquent Water and Sewer Payments onto the Village Tax Bills.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, and Orman
NAYS: None
Carried unanimously

Appointments

One-Year

Deputy Mayor- Janet Murphy
Community Preservation Panel Chair – Jim Burkett
Planning Board Chair – Pat Bianconi
ZBA Chair – Karen Hindenlang

Five-Year

Community Preservation Panel – Julia Rossmann
Planning Board – Pam Sheradin
Planning Board Alternate – Frank Zimdahl
ZBA – Jeri Vargo

On motion by Trustee Balloni, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve Mayor Orman's appointments.

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

Contracts

Scat Van: On motion by Trustee Balloni, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to increase the annual Scat Van funding from \$700 to \$800.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Orman (member of the Scat Van Board)

Aurora Free Library: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to renew the annual funding of \$2,500.00 for the Aurora Free Library.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, and Orman
NAYS: None

Carried unanimously

Aurora Historical Society: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to renew the annual funding of \$2,500.00 for the Aurora Historical Society.

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

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously

Aurora Masonic Center: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to renew the annual funding of \$2,500.00 for the Aurora Masonic Center.

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

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously

Morgan Opera House: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to renew the annual funding of \$2,500.00 for the Morgan Opera House.

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

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously

Executive Session: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously

On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to adjourn from the Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously

Wells Water Plant Operation: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to authorize Mayor Orman and Village Attorney, Tom Blair, to solicit information for a study to determine the viability of the Village engaging in a lease agreement with Wells College to operate the water plant.

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

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.