

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees August 21, 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, ZBA member Laura Holland, and Engineer Ken Teter

Aurora Historical Society: Ken Larson

Wells College: President Susan Henking and Attorney Brody Smith

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: Add "Basketball Court" under Old Business and remove "Post Office Bids" from Old Business.

The Board will enter into Executive Session following New Business to discuss contract negotiations.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the July 24, 2024 minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor: Mayor Orman reminded everyone that AuroraFest is Saturday, August 24. Trustee Miller questioned the status of the Rt 90 paving project and Mayor Orman replied that a thin topcoat is being spread now, but the final paving is scheduled for next year.

Clerk: Ms. Balloni reminded the Trustees of the September NYCOM conference and Mayor Orman said that he plans to attend.

Ms. Balloni informed the Trustees that the DPW is replacing a hydrant at the corner of Main and Lafayette streets next week.

Visitor Welcome

Grace Bates: Ms. Bates submitted a revised donation agreement for the trustees and the village attorney to review.

Bills

Ms. Balloni noted that two vouchers, #130 and #131, were added to pay Christy Gunderson her stipend for supervising the summer swim program (\$1,750.00) and the donation to the AuroraFest committee (\$1,500.00).

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to accept the additional vouchers to the General Fund, totaling \$3,250.00.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

General: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #3 for payment.

Voucher #97-99, 101-104, 106-113, 117, 119-121, 123, 125-127, and 129-131

Total: \$13,508.04

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Water: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #3 for payment.

Voucher #101, 105, 111, 114, 118, 119, 127, and 128

Total: \$15,175.36

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #3 for payment.

Voucher #97-101, 109, 111, 115, 116, 121, 123, 124, and 127

Total: \$9,794.44

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Historian (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on the St Patrick's Church 150th anniversary display and recent queries.

Ad-Hoc Committee for the Future of Wells Campus and the Village: Trustee Murphy noted that the committee is looking for direction and consensus from the Trustees on how to move forward. Trustee Murphy circulated questions from the committee to the Trustees explaining that the committee is on hold until they are clear about their mission.

Old Business

Community Preservation Panel (CPP) Amendments Request (attached): CPP Chairperson, Jim Burkett, explained the changes the panel would like to see in section 700 of the revised village zoning law. The panel is also requesting local landmark status for the Cherry Ave/Court St neighborhoods and for the Wells College Boathouse and lawn to be designated a scenic landmark.

Trustee Miller questioned if the decision to bring the request to the Village Board was unanimous and Mr. Burkett responded “yes”. Mr. Burkett added that CPP member, Claire Morehouse, did a significant amount of research for the historic neighborhood recommendation.

The Trustees will review and consider amending the law to include the panel’s recommendations.

Basketball Court: Trustee Miller questioned if the basketball court can be installed behind the firehouse this fall. Mayor Orman recommended holding off until decisions are made regarding the Wells Campus. Trustee Murphy noted that if a recreation area is created along the lake, the basketball court should be included, but if the Village has to pivot the Village Community Center DRI project to behind the firehouse, then placement is unsure at this time.

New Business: No New Business was discussed.

Executive Session: On motion by Mayor Orman, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 6:21 p.m. to discuss “the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property” with Wells College.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Mayor Orman, the Village Board voted to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk