

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees October 15, 2025, Public Hearing and Regular 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 Jim Orman

Others Present: Village Clerk Ann Balloni, Jodi Bennett, Jon Gans, and Tee-Ann Hunter

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. A moment of silence was held for Lili MacCormick, former Village Board of Trustee (2008-2012).

Public Hearing for Local Law #3 of 2025: To Amend the Village Zoning Law

On motion by Trustee Balloni, second by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to open the Public Hearing for Local Law #3 of 2025 at 6:02 p.m.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried

Public Comment: No public comment.

Public Hearing Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, second by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to close the Public Hearing for Local Law #3 of 2025 at 6:03 p.m.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Murphy opened the regular meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the September 17, 2025, minutes.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Changes to the Agenda: Alternate appointments is removed from New Business.

Website/Cybersecurity added to Old Business, Owasco Lake support letter, Mr. Jetty water/sewer bill request, and Amazon Prime offer added to New Business.

Announcements

Mayor: Trustee Murphy is working with Ms. Hunter on the Climate Smart grant for the trees and are rethinking their plan, per the grant parameters.

Clerk: A thank you letter was received from the AuroraFest Committee.

Visitor Welcome: No comments

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

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Budget Modifications

On motion by Trustee Murphy, 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 Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #5 for payment.

Voucher #116-126

Total: \$12,612.73

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Water: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #5 for payment.

Voucher #48-62

Total: \$31,922.22

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #5 for payment.

Voucher #33-44

Total: \$6,237.88

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Trust & Agency: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to approve the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract #5 for payment.

Voucher #6-11

Total: \$468.81

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Reports

Code Officer: No report

Historian (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on a new display at Patrick Tavern "From Main to the Kicking Tree: Daily Walks in Aurora circa 1905", recent queries and an update on the Wells College Archives.

Miscellaneous: Tee-Ann Hunter and Ann Balloni, Cayuga Lake Watershed Inter-Municipal Organization (CWIO) representatives for the Village, invited the Trustees to the CWIO meeting on October 22 at Bolton Point.

Old Business

Village Website: IT support, Jon Gans, requested an update from the Board on the ongoing discussions to upgrade the Village website and increase cybersecurity protections. Mr. Gans reminded the Board of the NY State ".gov" mandate and questioned the Trustees plan ahead of the December 21, 2025 deadline. Additionally, Mr. Gans noted that the current website is hosted on a personal server and is not ADA compliant.

Mr. Gans added that several proposals have been brought to the Trustees the past few years, but none have been acted on. Mr. Gans submitted a proposal that he and a business partner generated for the Board to review but also noted that the Village could approach the county or the town and possibly "piggyback" on their .gov account.

Trustee Miller requested that the proposal be itemized and suggested applying for grants to help with costs. Trustees Miller and Bianconi questioned if the WIIA grant for the water plant could be used for the upgrades due to cybersecurity concerns at public utility plants. Ms. Balloni will check with the village engineer.

New Business

Letter to the Governor (attached): On motion by Trustee Murphy, second by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to send a letter to Governor Hochul supporting the Owasco Lake Watershed's update to their rules and regulations.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Letter from Robb Jetty (attached): On motion by Trustee Murphy, second by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to accept Mr. Jetty's proposal for re-evaluating his apartment building water bills.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Village Election Date Change:

VB Resolution #25-41 To Designate the Hours and Polling Place for the WEDNESDAY March 18, 2026, Village Election

WHEREAS: Village Elections are normally held on the third Tuesday of March; and

WHEREAS: When the third Tuesday of March falls on March 17, the election must be held on March 18; and

WHEREAS: The Village of Aurora Board of Trustees determines the site for the polling place and the voting timeframe provided it is no less than 12:00pm – 9:00 pm;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees designates WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2026 as Election Day, polls are open from 12:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., and the location is the Aurora Firehouse meeting room, 456 Main St Aurora.

FIRST: Trustee Murphy

SECOND: Trustee Balloni

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mayor Orman

Resolution #25-41 adopted.

Reschedule March 2026 Village Board Meeting: On motion by Trustee Murphy, second by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to reschedule the March 2026 Village Board meeting to TUESDAY, March 17, 2026, due to the conflict with village elections on the regular Board meeting night.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Park Committee: Trustee Murphy reported that Mayor Orman, in consultation with park donator Grace Bates, appointed an ad-hoc committee of Ms. Bates, David Eckert, Kevin Fitzgerald, Alyssa Gunderson, and Trustee Murphy.

Local Law #3 of 2025:

RESOLUTION #25-42 to ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE 2024 VILLAGE ZONING LAW

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Village of Aurora to maintain a viable land use law as the Village of Aurora Zoning Law, and

WHEREAS, the Community Preservation Panel (CPP) has requested revisions to Article VII Historic Preservation in the Village Zoning Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees, at their September 17, 2025, regular meeting introduced the amendments to the Village Zoning Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board held a public hearing to receive comments for and against the amendments on October 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board received zero (0) comments from the public; and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Planning Board GML 239 Review Committee found no inter-municipal impacts and had no comments; and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora, County of Cayuga, State of New York, held at the Village Hall, 456 Main Street, Aurora, New York, at 6:00 p.m. on October 15, 2025, the following members of the Village Board of Trustees being present:

Trustee James Balloni
Trustee Matt Bianconi
Trustee L. John Miller
Trustee Janet Murphy
Mayor James Orman - Absent

The instant Resolution came to be heard and considered:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora as follows:

1. The Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts the proposed amendments to Local Law #3 of 2025 in the form annexed hereto.

Now upon the Motion of Trustee Miller and Second by Trustee Balloni, a roll-call vote is tallied by the Village Clerk as follows:

Trustee Balloni - AYE
Trustee Bianconi - AYE
Trustee Miller - AYE
Trustee Murphy - AYE
Mayor Orman - ABSENT
Resolution #25-42 adopted.

Amazon Business Account: On motion by Trustee Murphy, second by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to authorize the Village Clerk to pursue following NYCOM's recommendations to set up a free municipal business account through Amazon.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Balloni, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Orman

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni

Village Clerk