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Village of Aurora Board of Trustees March 24, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at 5:30 p.m. in the Aurora Firehouse meeting room.

Present: Mayor Jim Orman, Trustees JD Balloni, Matt Bianconi, John Miller (5:40 p.m.), and Janet Murphy

Others

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni, Account Clerk Deborah Brooks, Treasurer Christine Tanner and Village Engineer Ken Teter

Aurora Ledyard Historical Society: President Shirley Egan and Treasurer Ken Larson

Members of the Public: Bruce Spiegel

Call to Order: Mayor Orman called the special meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Aurora Ledyard Historical Society MOU: On motion by Trustee Murphy, second by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Aurora Ledyard Historical Society.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Murphy, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller

Motion carried.

2026/2027 Village Budgets

Water/Sewer Funds: Village Engineer, Ken Teter, discussed the change in the water usage in the village from a majority coming from residential to a majority now coming from commercial. Mr. Teter noted that in 2025, 45% of the water usage in the village was from residential homes and 55% was from commercial entities, mainly the Inns of Aurora.

Mr. Teter reminded the Board that the water/sewer rates are based on Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU). A single-family house = 1 EDU. Commercial establishments may have several EDUs per building. EDUs are determined by the average amount of water used in a residential home. Trustee Miller questioned if that is the best formula for determining rates, especially for commercial entities. Mr. Teter responded that basing the rate on average residential volume is the formula approved by the Village Board for last year's budget and is a typical method used throughout NY State. Trustee Bianconi thanked Mr. Teter for his work on the water/sewer budgets.

Additionally, Mr. Teter recommended that the Village Board include putting funds into a capital reserve account in the 2026/2027 budgets. Mr. Teter advised consulting with Fiscal Advisors on possible local shares for the recent grants awarded. Mr. Teter reminded the Board that he is finishing up with current projects and once they are completed, he is retiring.

General Fund: The Trustees discussed the following:

- Restoring Not-For-Profit funding in this year's budget
- Move funding for the summer swim program to a contingency account
- Adding \$20,000-\$60,000 to a capital reserve fund
- 3% raises for employees and CPP/PB/ZBA chairs

- Adjusting the village tax rate

On motion by Trustee Murphy, second by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to approve the Tentative 2026/2027 Budgets and present as the proposed 2026/2027 Budgets at the April 15, 2026, Budgets Public Hearing.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: On motion by Trustee Murphy, second by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss a medical situation with an employee and the proposed sale of village real property.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

On motion by Trustee Balloni, second by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:19 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Miller, second by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to adjourn the special meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk