

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees July 15, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Deputy Mayor JD Balloni, Trustees Bonnie Bennett and Matt Bianconi

Absent: Mayor Janet Murphy and Trustee John Miller

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni, IT Jon Gans, ZBA member Laura Holland, Historian Dr. Linda Schwab, and Treasurer Christine Tanner

Inns of Aurora: CFO Jodi Bennett

Members of the Public: Jennifer Connelly

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

Changes to the Agenda: No changes

Approval of Minutes

June 17, 2026: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Bennett, the Village Board voted to approve the June 17, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes.

AYES: Balloni, Bennett, and Bianconi

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller and Murphy

Motion carried.

July 3, 2026: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Bennett, the Village Board voted to approve the July 3, 2026, Special Meeting minutes.

AYES: Balloni, Bennett, and Bianconi

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller and Murphy

Motion carried.

Announcements

Mayor: A water main break on Wells campus resulted in a conserve water order for the village until further notice. The line is repaired but it will take a few days to fill the water towers.

Clerk: The Cayuga Lake Watershed Inter-Municipal Organization (CWIO) is having their July 22 meeting at Aurora Brewery from 3-5.

Visitor Welcome: No comments

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

AYES: Balloni, Bennett, and Bianconi

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller and Murphy

Motion carried.

Budget Modifications

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Source	Offset	Amount
A1320.4 Auditor	A1410.1 Per Ser/Clerk Treas	850.29
A1320.4 Auditor	A1410.4 Clerk/Treas Contractual	1225.70
A1320.4 Auditor	A1410.42 Clerk Telephone	164.72
A7140.1 Playgrounds	A5110.1 Street Main	4568.68
A1420.4 Law	A1620.44 Buildings Electricity	1862.90
A1420.4 Law	A1620.45 Fuel Oil	2978.10
A8140.2 Storm Sewers-Equip	A1620.1 Buildings-Per Service	8142.77

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

AYES: Balloni, Bennett, and Bianconi

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller and Murphy

Motion carried.

Bills

General: On motion by Trustee Balloni, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #2 for payment.

Voucher #43-70

Total: \$21,587.26

AYES: Balloni, Bennett, and Bianconi

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller and Murphy

Motion carried.

Water: On motion by Trustee Balloni, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #2 for payment.

Voucher #18-23

Total: \$7,101.77

AYES: Balloni, Bennett, and Bianconi

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller and Murphy

Motion carried.

Sewer: On motion by Trustee Balloni, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #2 for payment.

Voucher #15-26

Total: \$7,040.16

AYES: Balloni, Bennett, and Bianconi

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller and Murphy

Motion carried.

Reports

Code Officer: No report

Historian (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on public celebrations, displays, queries, publications, and the installation of handicap signs at Patrick Tavern

Miscellaneous: The DRI Park Committee continues to work with New York State Department of State (NYSDOS) and is posting the Request for Proposals (RFP) on New York State Contract Reporter.

Old Business

Healthcare: Trustee Bennett continues to research joining the Tompkins County Consortium and will have a full report next month.

Water Project Updates (attached): Village Engineer, Ken Teter, continues to work on completing the NBRC grant project to install new filters and corresponding equipment at the water treatment plant. Estimated completion date is September.

Preliminary meetings were held with B&L on the WIIA grant to replace the intake pipe for the water plant. B&L is submitting a draft agreement to the Village Board that will be presented at a date to be determined.

New water/sewer rates were implemented this quarter and, once a clear picture of Wells water use is determined, with the installation of new meters, the rates may need additional adjustment.

The additional funds for installation of a new generator at the wastewater treatment plant were approved by FEMA and start-up is anticipated to be in September.

Website: Jon Gans gave a presentation of the plans for the new village website. Mr. Gans noted:

- Cleaning up the Home page
- Creating a Contact page
- Adding a Search feature
- Online payment option
- Email lists
- New .gov addresses

New Business

Engineer Contract (Ani Fish): Trustee Bennett questioned section 4.01.D, regarding project reimbursement. The Board agreed that the reimbursement was standard and similar to Mr. Teter's.

On motion by Trustee Bennett, second by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the engineering contract with AZ Fish Engineering, PLLC

AYES: Balloni, Bennett, and Bianconi

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller and Murphy

Motion carried.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Bennett, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

AYES: Balloni, Bennett, and Bianconi

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller and Murphy

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk