**Village of Aurora Board of Trustees July 19, 2017 Minutes**

Meeting held at the Aurora Firehouse Meeting Room at 7:00 pm

**Present:** Mayor Bonnie Bennett, Trustees Grace Bates, Janet Murphy, Alan Ominsky, and Kit Van Orman

**Others Present:** Clerk Ann Balloni, Treasurer Deborah Brooks, Historian Dr. Linda Schwab, and village resident David Brooks

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance

**Changes to the Agenda:** No changes

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to approve the June 21, 2017 meeting minutes.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements**

**Mayor:**

Hydrilla update: The first application of the herbicideis July 20th. The Wells College dock is closed during the application, between 10:00-12:30, but may open as soon as the Army Corps boats are clear. Mayor Bennett handed out copies of the agenda from the information meeting held on July 13th (attached) which lists a website documenting the application, testing and results in real time.

Mayor Bennett also noted that Wells College is notified that no pumping can occur at the water treatment plant during the time of application and the village must monitor the Sherwood Road water tank to ensure that it is full.

Dr. Schwab questioned the irrigation concerns and Mayor Bennett referred to the Army Corps presentation that notes irrigation of new grasses and plants in the nightshade family should wait 7 days before watering from the lake.

Paid Family Leave Act: Mayor Bennett explained that municipalities that are not unionized can decide if they wish to participate. The program is funded much like unemployment insurance through payroll deductions and Mayor Bennett expressed her support for participating.

July 28, 2017 Training: Mayor Bennett encouraged the trustees to attend the training in Cortland which includes sign regulations, case law updates, and rental regulations.

Storm Water Runoff: Mayor Bennett discussed the flooding problems on the west end of Lafayette St as well as addressed several letters (attached) from residents on Dublin Hill Road. The New York State Department of Transportation “NYSDOT” has Lafayette St on their repair list for 2019, but the Dublin Hill problem is on private property.

Mayor Bennett and the trustees discussed potentially instituting a storm water management fee based on acreage to help offset the cost of the properties with chronic flooding problems. Dr. Schwab also mentioned digging swales to help alleviate the flooding. Mayor Bennett will issue a letter in response to the residents acknowledging their concern.

**Clerk:** Ms. Balloni noted a letter received from the Zoning Board of Appeals chairperson, Karen Hindenlang, inquiring about the status of the zoning amendments. Mayor Bennett read Ms. Hindenlang’s letter (attached) and the trustees discussed working on the amendments “piecemeal” starting with regulating rental properties. Mayor Bennett will respond to Ms. Hindenlang.

**Visitor Recognition:** No comments

**Treasurer’s Report**: No report

**Bills**

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

Voucher #38-41, 43-52, 55-61, 63, 65-67, and 69-71

Total: $16,011.73

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Water:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #2 for payment.

Voucher #43, 48-50, 64, and 68

Total: $6,707.19

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Voucher #38, 39, 42, 43, 48-50, 53-55, 61, 62, and 66

Total: $10,284.01

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

**Code Officer** (attached): Officer Doyle reported on recent permit activity.

**Historian** (attached): Dr. Schwab reported on new displays at the historical society, presentations, and queries and updated the board on Patrick Tavern and summer interns.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Trustee Ominsky reported on the visit to Patrick Tavern by the timber frame engineers. A preliminary report was submitted to the historical society, but no action will be taken until the final report is in. The society does expect the project to commence in phases and are aware that the siding will have to removed. Dr. Schwab noted that the upstairs north-east corner is most concerning.

**Parks and Recreation:** Trustee Murphy reported on the algae and hydrilla concerns in Cayuga Lake and that it has significantly disrupted the summer swim program at the Wells College dock. Mayor Bennett suggested having the lifeguards distribute the information from the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network to keep them working. Ms. Murphy also suggested keeping the dock open later during the community party at the boathouse on August 12th.

Ms. Murphy noted that the signs for the fitness trail should be ready by July 21st and recommended placing two of the recently purchased benches at the memorial playground.

**Streets and Public Safety:** Trustee Van Orman reported that additional signs are needed to denote that Cherry Ave is one-way again. There is no indication that drivers can’t turn right onto Cherry Ave from Court St.

**Water and Sewer:** Mayor Bennett noted that the painting of the tank at the DPW is complete.

**Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

**New Business**

**Local Law #4 of 2017:** The trustees discussed updating the local landmark list recommended by the Community Preservation Panel. Mayor Bennett explained that the list updated in 2014 was approved by the village board but, per the village zoning law, can only be updated by local law.

Mayor Bennett noted that the list is the same as the one approved in 2014 except for two trees added; a sycamore at 358 Main St and a black walnut at 311 Main St.

Trustee Van Orman confirmed that Resolution #17-29 is only to introduce the law and that there will be a public hearing scheduled on August 16th.

On motion by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to schedule a public hearing for Local Law #4 of 2017 at their regular meeting on August 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**VB RESOLUTION 17-29 OF 2017: INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2017 ENTITLED TO AMEND LOCAL LAW #2 OF 1998 DESIGNATING CERTAIN PROPERTIES AS VILLAGE LANDMARKS**

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Aurora is listed on the National Historic Register as an historic district with certain properties designated as local landmarks; and

**WHEREAS,** it is a duty of the Village of Aurora Community Preservation Panel to update the local landmark list; and

**WHEREAS,** the Community Preservation Panel approved additions to the list at their July 2, 2014 and July 5, 2017 regular meetings and submitted the following recommendations to the Village Board of Trustees for consideration:

**Special Sites**

* Chonodote Site (northeast of the firehouse; original site of Peachtown)
* Site of Roswell Franklin’s cabin (next to green barn at 461 Main St)
* Cooper-Cromwell House (237 Main St)
* Marriott-Gifford House (78 Court St)
* Franklin-Richmond Tavern (488 Main St)
* Barn at Phelps-Swan House (21 Cherry Ave)
* Avery-Arms House (358 Main St)
* Chimney Corner (348 Main St)
* Benjamin Ledyard House (334 Main St)
* Stack House, “Paul Jones” – 326 Main St

**200 + Years Old**

* Leddra Wood House (425 Main St)
* Jedediah Morgan House (280 Main St)
* Peter Fort House (268 Main St)
* Richmond House (19 Wells Rd)

**Selected Trees**

* Oak on Franklin Hill (curve on north end of Aurora)
* Council Tree (Chonodote Site)
* Harris-Thompson Ginkoes (418 Main St, 425 Main St, 453 Main St,)
* Sycamore at 358 Main St
* Black Walnut at 311 Main St

**WHEREAS,** the village zoning law (local law #4 of 2016), per section 705.B. requires the Village Board of Trustees to update the village landmark list by local law; and

**WHEREAS,** this is a Type 2 Action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) section 617.5(32) requiring no further environmental review; 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 7:00 p.m. on July 19, 2017, the following members of the Village Board of Trustees being present:

BONNIE APGAR BENNETT, MAYOR

GRACE BATES

JANET MURPHY

ALAN OMINSKY

KIT VAN ORMAN

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 introduces Proposed Local Law #4 of 2017 in the form annexed hereto for consideration and adoption.

1. The Village Board of Trustees hereby determines that the aforementioned Local Law is a Type 2 Action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) section 617.5(32) requiring no further environmental review.
2. The Village Board of Trustees has properly noticed a Public Hearing on the Proposed Local Law #4 of 2017 to be held at Village Hall on August 16, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m.;

Now upon the Motion of Trustee Ominsky and Seconded by Trustee Murphy a roll-call vote is tallied by the Village Clerk as follows:

Trustee Bennett - AYE

Trustee Bates - AYE

Trustee Murphy - AYE

Trustee Ominsky - AYE

Trustee Van Orman - AYE

At least 3 of the above named Village Board of Trustee members having voted in the affirmative, this resolution is adopted this 19th day of July, 2017.

Trustee Ominsky noted that the former Episcopal church is not included and Dr. Schwab confirmed the oversight but clarified that it is noted as a contributing structure in the historic district on the historic register.

Dr. Schwab also mentioned that private homeowners whose properties are designated as landmarks may be eligible for grants/tax credits when repairing/restoring their homes.

**Resolution #17-30:** Mayor Bennett explained that municipalities that utilize a youth center in Erie County were asked to support their mission to keep the facility separate from an adult care center which Governor Cuomo’s administration has proposed as part of his consolidation plan.

**VB RESOLUTION #17-30**

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT - A6505 / S4630 - Relates to prohibiting the collocation of certain children's facilities with adult facilities in Erie County.**

**WHEREAS:**   The Western New York Children's Psychiatric Center opened in West Seneca in 1970.  The center takes seriously emotionally disturbed children between the ages of 4 to 18 years old from 19 Western New York counties.  The 19 different counties in New York State include: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Herkimer, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orange, Orleans, Oswego, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates; and

**WHEREAS:**   Despite the significant volume from these 19 counties the Western New York Children's Psychiatric Center has the lowest 30 day and 90 day reinstatement or re-institutionalization rate of any facility in New York State. The costs of long term hospitalization and institutionalization are drastically reduced and eliminated when the readmission rates are low; and

**WHEREAS:**  Governor Cuomo in his 2017 Budget proposed that the West Seneca Children’s Psychiatric Center be moved to the Buffalo Psychiatric Center, an adult facility and campus. Moving these children into an adult setting would not be therapeutically beneficial and may in fact be detrimental to the psyches of many of these children; and

**WHEREAS:**  The medicinal and therapeutic benefits of treating and counseling children with mental illnesses in both rural and school settings have been documented in many medical journals and academic papers.  The Governor’s proposal to place these children in a lock down facility with adults runs counter to science, logic and common sense; and

**WHEREAS:**   The New York State Assembly and Senate unanimously passed A6505 / S4630 which prohibit the collocation of certain children's facilities with adult facilities in Erie County; and

**WHEREAS:**   Governor Cuomo needs to sign this bill and save WNY Children’s Psychiatric Center in West Seneca.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**  The Village of Aurora Board of Trustees supports the passage of the above bills in the New York State Legislature and also strongly encourages Governor Cuomo to immediately sign this necessary legislation into law.

First: Trustee Van Orman

Second: Trustee Ominsky

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously.

**Resolution #17-31:**

**VB Resolution #17-31: To Declare the 2001 Dodge Dump Truck as Surplus Equipment**

**WHEREAS:** the Superintendent of Public Works requests that the Village Board of Trustees declare the 2001 Dodge Dump Truck as surplus equipment;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**  that the Board of Trustees declare the 2001 Dodge dump truck surplus equipment.

First: Trustee Ominsky

Second: Trustee Murphy

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Murphy, Ominsky, and Van Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni

Village Clerk