**Village of Aurora Board of Trustees November 14, 2018 Minutes**

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

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

**Others Present**

**Village Officials:** Clerk Ann Balloni, Treasurer Deborah Brooks, ZBA member Laura Holland, Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

**Members of the Public:** David Brooks, G. Alan Clugston and Dr. Margaret Flowers

**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:** Under New Business, the Workers Comp resolutions are deleted and the contract to install LED lighting in the post office is added.

**Approval of Minutes**

**October 17, 2019:** On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to approve the October 17, 2018 meeting minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**November 1, 2018:** On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to approve the November 1, 2018 work session minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**November 12, 2018:** On motion by Trustee Ominsky, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the November 12, 2018 work session minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements**

**Clerk:** The quarterly tax distribution figures are included in the Board Member packets and Christmas in Aurora is scheduled for December 8.

**Visitor Welcome:** Dr. Margaret Flowers and Dr. Linda Schwab were both recognized and submitted letters (attached) documenting the loss of four lambs on Dr. Flowers property following the October 20, 2018 Fireworks display at Wells College. The letters included statements from residents in and around the location of the display noting that it was more intense than previous firework displays. Dr. Flowers included photos, a Necropsy report and potential financial losses. The lambs were a rare breed and Dr. Flowers is one of only a handful of breeders in the United States.

Dr. Schwab requested action from the Board of Trustees, such as updating the Village Noise Ordinance or considering permitting only silent fireworks display, as has been done in other municipalities. Given the limited, contained area of the Village, as well as the surrounding agricultural district, necessitates regulating large-scale fireworks displays, per Dr. Schwab.

Mayor Bennett offered condolences to Dr. Flowers and Dr. Schwab and noted that the issue will be on the agenda for the December Village Board meeting. Mayor Bennett also remarked that a farm located south of the Village experienced a cattle stampede during a fireworks display a few years ago.

**Treasurer’s Report**: No report.

**Budget Modifications**

**Sewer:** $915.08 From: G1990.4 Contingent Account

 $650.90 From G9010.8 NYS & Local Retirement

 $1,565.98 To: G8120.4 Sanitary Sewers - Contractual

On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to accept the Budget Modifications in the Sewer Fund.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Bills**

**General:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #6 for payment.

Voucher #203-207, 209-214, 219-226, 229, 230, 232, 233, 237, 238, and 240-242

Total: $19,471.66

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, 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 #6 for payment.

Voucher #212, 214, 215, 217, 222-224, 226, 229, 233, 235, 236 and 242

Total: $10,277.27

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #6 for payment.

Voucher #205, 207, 208, 212-216, 218, 221, 222, 224, 226-229, 231, 233, 234, 239, 240, 242 and 243

Total: $17,757.20

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

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

**Historian** (see attached): Dr. Schwab reported on the current display at the Aurora Historical Society and on-going research with an archeological project in Levanna.

**Miscellaneous:** Ms. Brooks reported that another sewer blockage was discovered at the north end of the village, again due to tree roots.

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

**New Business**

**Delinquent Taxes:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to turn over the 2018 list of Delinquent Taxes to Cayuga County.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Harassment Policy:** The Village Board reviewed the recommended NY State Worker’s Comp Harassment Policy and tailored it to the Village needs with minor changes.

On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to adopt a revised Harassment Policy.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Post Office LED Lighting:** Trustee Ominsky researched LED lighting and submitted a proposal to allow NYSEG to convert the Village Post Office to LED Lighting at a cost to the Village of $2,139.10.

On motion by Trustee Ominsky, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to authorize the Village Treasurer to pay for the Post Office LED Lighting out of the Building Reserve Fund with the amount added to next year’s budget.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Ominsky, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.