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**Village of Aurora Board of Trustees May 11, 2020 Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM video conference due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

**Present:** Mayor Bennett, Trustees Grace Bates, Matt Bianconi, Janet Murphy and Kit Van Orman

**Others Present:** Village Clerk Ann Balloni, Barton & Loguidice representative Christian Lawton, Trespasz & Marquardt representative William Marquart, and Village Engineer Ken Teter

**Public Hearing**

**Call to Order:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to open the Public Hearing for the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) for the Water Plant Project at 10:13 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** No public comment

On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to close the Public Hearing for the State Environmental Quality Review for the Water Plant Project at 10:14 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bennett called the special meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**Bond Services and Financial Advisor Decision:** The Board reviewed the proposals with Mr. Teter submitted by Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, Trespasz & Marquart, and Harris Beach.

On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to contract with Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe for the Water Plant Project Bond.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to contract with Financial Advisors as the Municipal Advisor for the Water Plant Project

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**SEQR**

Mr. Lawton and Mr. Teter gave an overview of the Water Plant Project, noting that two locations are proposed: Long Point State Park and Sherwood Road. Mr. Teter explained that the basis of the environmental review is the impact that construction of the plant will have on the locations. Mr. Teter

added that there are many Involved Agencies in the project who have permitting authority and that will also determine if/when the project moves forward.

Mr. Teter completed Part 2 (attached) of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) with the Village Board as the project is a Type 1 Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Mr. Teter noted that questions checked as “Moderate to Large Impact” are detailed in part 3 (attached) of the FEAF and include explanations of mitigation measures due to the temporary nature of the work proposed, as well as the necessary permits required.

Mr. Teter added that the Sherwood Road location may require a Phase 1 Study, due to the site having documented Native American significance per the New York State Office of Historical Preservation (SHPO).

Mr. Lawton added that the SEQRA may be amended if any new information is submitted during the process.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 20-08**

##### **Proposed Action: Village of Aurora Water System Source Improvements Project**

#### **RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED VILLAGE OF AURORA WATER SYSTEM SOURCE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IS A TYPE 1 ACTION AND WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Aurora (Village) is proposing the Village of Aurora Water System Source Improvements Project (Project), located in the Village of Aurora, Cayuga County, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project has been classified as a “Type I Action” as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Aurora Village Board sent a letter and Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) to other potentially “Interested Agencies” and “Involved Agencies” (as these terms are defined in the SEQRA Regulations found at 6 NYCRR Part 617.2), indicating the Village’s desire to serve as the “Lead Agency” (as this quoted term is defined in the SEQRA Regulations) and to complete a coordinated review of the Project (in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6); and

**WHEREAS**, responses from Interested and Involved Agencies were requested, and each of the potentially Interested and Involved Agencies has agreed to, or raised no objections to, the Village of Aurora Village Board serving as Lead Agency for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the SEQRA Regulations, the Village of Aurora Village Board has considered the significance of the potential environmental impacts of the Project by (a) using the criteria specified in Section 617.7 of the SEQRA Regulations, and (b) examining the FEAF for the Project, including the facts and conclusions in Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the FEAF, together with other available supporting information, to identify the relevant areas of environmental concern:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** that, the Village of Aurora Village Board hereby establishes itself as Lead Agency for the Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that based upon an examination of the FEAF and other available supporting information, and considering both the magnitude and importance of each relevant area of environmental concern, and based further upon the Village's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project, the Village of Aurora Village Board makes the determination that the Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and that the Project will not require the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that as a consequence of such findings and declaration, and in compliance with the requirements of SEQRA, the Village of Aurora Village Board, as Lead Agency, hereby directs the Village of Aurora Mayor to sign the FEAF Part 3 – Determination of Significance indicating that a Negative Declaration has been issued for the Project; this Resolution shall take effect immediately and will be properly noticed.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Van Orman and seconded by Trustee Bianconi duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Bonnie Apgar Bennett, Mayor AYE  
Grace Bates, Trustee AYE  
Matthew Bianconi, Trustee AYE  
Janet Murphy, Trustee AYE  
Kit Van Orman, Trustee AYE

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted May 11, 2020.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk