

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees June 17, 2020 Minutes

The meeting was held at the Aurora Firehouse Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Village Clerk Ann Balloni and Village Resident Marie Dentes

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

Changes to the Agenda: Appointing Julia Rossmann to the Community Preservation Panel is added under Board Appointments in New Business and hiring a summer employee is added under New Business

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the May 20, 2020 minutes

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor: Mayor Bennett noted that the Memorial Playground will not open due to the inability to adhere to New York State guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting. Trustees Bates and Murphy volunteered to help with cleaning the equipment to allow for opening.

Mayor Bennett reminded the Board that discussions not requiring a vote should be handled via email and noted that the emails will be acknowledged and attached to the meeting minutes (see attached email).

Clerk: Ms. Balloni acknowledged a thank you letter from the Aurora Free Library (attached) and gave an update on the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization Park Foundation Grant, Request for Quotes (see attached email).

Treasurer's Report: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to accept the May Treasurer's Report.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Modifications

General Fund:

\$2,435.77 From A1410.1 Personal Services-Clerk/Deputy

\$2,435.77 To A1410.12 Personal Services-Treasurer

\$4.59 From A1460.2 Records Management Equipment
\$4.59 To Records Management-Personal Services

\$12.95 From A5110.1 Street Maintenance-Personal Services
\$12.95 To A5110.12 Street Maintenance-Per. Serv. #2

\$.38 From A7140.4 Playgrounds/Recreation-Contractual
\$.38 To A7140.1 Playgrounds/Recreation-Personal Services

\$.08 From A7510.4 Historian-Contractual
\$.08 to A7510.1 Historian-Personal Services

\$.69 From A1990.4 Contingent
\$.69 to A9901.9R Transfer to Other Funds-Street Repair Service

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Fund:

\$3,572.69 From G8130.41 Sewage Treatment-Utilities
\$3,572.69 To G9030.8 Social Security

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Encumbrances:

\$1,506.40 A1620.22 Bldgs. – To A235 Patrick Tavern Reserve

\$2,354.91 A1620.23 Bldgs. – To A234 Firehouse Repair Reserve

LaBella to A238 Zoning Reserve Fund

A1440.41 \$1,404.92 Engineering

A8010.43 7,200.00 Zoning

A8020.41 +10,000.00 Planning Board

Total \$18,604.92

A6410.4 \$500.00 Public Relations-Website Makeover

Playground Court Street-redo ground cover

A7140.4 \$1,042.22 Playground & Recreation Center-Contractual
A7180.2 990.54 Recreational Facilities-Equipment
A7180.4 +292.97 Recreational Facilities-Contractual
Total \$2,325.73

Redo Playground/Park Signs

A8510.4 \$3,414.20 Community Beautification-Contractual

On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to accept the Encumbrances.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Bills

General: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #1 for payment.

Voucher #2, 3, 5-15, 18-26, 28-30, 33, 34, and 36

Total: \$18,728.41

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Water: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #1 for payment.

Voucher #1, 12-14, 20, 27, 30-32, 34, and 35

Total: \$10,857.71

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #1 for payment.

Voucher #1, 4, 12-17, 19, 25, 30, and 34-36

Total: \$10,664.32

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Water Improvement System: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Improvement System Fund Abstract #1 for payment.

Voucher #7

Total: \$1,417.50

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Historian (see attached): Dr. Schwab submitted a report noting the new online series on the Aurora Historical Society Facebook page, recent queries and events, Phase 3 re-openings and Patrick Tavern Farmers Market news.

Old Business: Trustee Bates requested updates on the Inns of Aurora Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), Village Elections, and the Water Improvement System. Mayor Bennett replied that the Inns would like to begin moving forward with the GEIS and she is meeting with members of the Cayuga County Legislature, Senator Helming, Assemblyman Finch, and funding groups to discuss water options.

Ms. Balloni replied that Village Elections are scheduled for September 15 with absentee or in-person voting options. Ballots will be mailed for those wishing to vote absentee as it gets closer to the election.

Ms. Balloni reminded the Village Board again that, moving forward, these discussions should be held online, with notes attached to the minutes. Per New York State Covid-19 guidelines, only business requiring motions/resolutions should be discussed during the meeting.

New Business

Williamson Law Book Contracts: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Van Orman, the Village Board voted to renew the Williamson Law Book Software Contracts for Municipal Accounting and Budget Preparation (\$1,007.00), Water/Sewer Billing (\$1,007.00), Tax Collection (\$432.00), and Payroll (\$791.00).

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Board Appointments: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the following appointments by Mayor Bennett:

- Community Preservation Panel – Chris MacCormick (2025)
- Planning Board – Frank Zimdahl (2025)
- Zoning Board of Appeals - Karen Hindenlang (2025)

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bates, the Village Board voted to approve the following Board Chair annual appointments by Mayor Bennett:

- Community Preservation Panel – Jim Burkett
- Planning Board – Pat Bianconi
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Karen Hindenlang

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

VB Resolution No. 20-12: To Appoint Julia Rossmann to the Community Preservation Panel

WHEREAS: There is a vacancy on the Community Preservation Panel; and

WHEREAS: Julia Rossmann has expressed interest in serving on the Community Preservation Panel;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: on the nomination of the Mayor, the Village Board of Aurora approves the appointment of Julia Rossmann to the Community Preservation Panel.

MOVED: Trustee Bianconi

SECONDED: Trustee Bates

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

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously

Summer Hire: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to hire 1 or 2 employees, at the minimum wage rate and not to exceed \$600 for the season, for assistance with the Patrick Tavern Farmers Market and Village Memorial Playground.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni

Village Clerk