

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees July 15, 2020 Minutes

The meeting was held via ZOOM at 6:30 p.m.

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

Others Present: Village Clerk Ann Balloni

Call to Order: Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda: Reviewing the Request for Quotes for the Cayuga Lake Watershed Inter-Municipal Organization is removed from the agenda and tabled to next month.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the June 17, 2020 minutes

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor: Mayor Bennett gave an update of the status of the Rt 90 Garage Sale. As it is more of an event than individual garages sales, the Cayuga County Department of Health is seeking advisement from New York State on how to address.

Clerk: Ms. Balloni noted that an article on Patrick Tavern written by Village Historian, Dr. Linda Schwab, was featured in the New York State Museum Magazine.

Trustee Bates noted that Peachtown Elementary School is opening this Fall.

Bills

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

Voucher #37, 38, 40-45, 47, 49-54, and 56-60

Total: \$6,771.02

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Voucher #39, 44, 45, 50, 55, and 61

Total: \$5,871.93

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Voucher #42 and 53

Total: \$2,197.95

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Voucher #38, 39, 44, 46, 48, 55, and 57

Total: \$2,757.99

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Historian (see attached)

Old Business

Water Project: Mayor Bennett encouraged all trustees to respond to an email from County Legislator, Keith Batman, for a meeting with stakeholders for promoting the planned Cayuga Lake Water District. The Cayuga Water & Sewer Authority is moving forward with funds received from the New York State Assembly to map the plan, noting plants, pipes, and financials. The project will then move to a county permissive referendum.

Covid Update: The trustees discussed the lack of staff/time for sanitizing/disinfecting the playground equipment and village park. The park/playground remain closed due to recommended guidelines from the Department of Health that equipment be cleaned in between users. The village does not have staff available to monitor the park/playground. Trustee Murphy is researching part-time employees to assist with weeding/light maintenance for those properties and possibly help with the Tuesday Farmer's Market at Patrick Tavern.

New Business

Hills Heating Contracts: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to renew the annual Hills Heating contracts for the Village Post Office (\$498.00) and Firehouse (\$873.00).

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Village Harassment and Discrimination Policy Update: On motion by Trustee Van Orman, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to include the NYMIR recommended updates to the Village Harassment & Discrimination Policy (attached).

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

NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk

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