

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees July 16, 2025, Minutes

The meeting was held at the Aurora Firehouse Meeting Room at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Orman, Trustees JD Balloni, John Miller, and Janet Murphy

Absent: Trustee Bianconi

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni, ZBA member Laura Holland, and Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

Aurora Historical Society: President Shirley Egan

Inns of Aurora: CFO Jodi Bennett

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Orman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance

Changes to the Agenda: Authorize Trustee Murphy to apply for NY State Consolidated Funding and hire a cleaning person added to New Business.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to approve the June 18, 2025, minutes.

AYES: Balloni, Miller, Murphy, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried

Announcements

Mayor: Mayor Orman gave an update on the Patrick Tavern project and the village attorney's liability concerns. The Village will contact a traffic engineer to determine if there are any safety issues.

Mayor Orman gave Assemblyman Gallahan a tour of the water plant.

Mayor Orman met with Grace Bates to discuss appointing a Village Park Committee.

Trustee Murphy is working on a Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to update the Village Zoning Law, Comprehensive Plan, and Wells Campus Plan, due to Wells College closing.

Trustee Miller questioned the status of the water situation at the north end of the village and noted that drivers turning onto Sherwood Road from Rt 90 are going too fast and crossing into the oncoming traffic lane.

Clerk: Ms. Balloni is away the week of the August Village Board meeting and Treasurer Christine Tanner will take the minutes.

Visitor Welcome: No comments.

Treasurer's Report: On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to accept the June Treasurer's Report.

AYES: Balloni, Miller, Murphy, and Orman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bianconi
Motion carried.

Encumbrances

General Fund: A1620.23: Firehouse Furnace and Insulate Bay \$60,000.00
2024

Budget Modifications

\$15,000.00 from General Fund to Water Fund to cover expenses.

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

AYES: Balloni, Miller, Murphy, and Orman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bianconi
Motion carried.

Bills

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

Voucher #13-34

Total: \$7,038.86

AYES: Balloni, Miller, Murphy, and Orman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bianconi
Motion carried.

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

Voucher #6-15

Total: \$134,489.37

AYES: Balloni, Miller, Murphy, and Orman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bianconi
Motion carried.

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

Voucher #4-8

Total: \$6,516.54

AYES: Balloni, Miller, Murphy, and Orman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried

Reports

Code Officer (attached): Officer Rhea reported an update on an ongoing zoning violation and recent permit activity.

Historian (attached): Dr. Schwab requested permission to continue to work with village attorney, Tom Blair, and to contact Hobart William Smith on the transference of Wells College/Village archives to their campus.

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

Water Plant Purchase & Sale/Lease Agreement/Easement (attached): On motion by Miller, second by Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the Wells Water Plant Purchase & Sale/Lease Agreement/Easement with Wells College and authorize Mayor Orman to sign any and all documents related to the water plant properties included in the agreement.

AYES: Balloni, Miller, Murphy, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried.

Park Signs: Trustee Murphy and the village clerk are tasked with recommending appropriate signage to address liability concerns.

ZBA Appointment: On motion by Trustee Murphy, second by Trustee Balloni, the Village Board voted to appoint Michael Groth to fill the ZBA vacancy following Jeri Vargo's resignation, through May 31, 2029.

AYES: Balloni, Miller, Murphy, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried.

Consolidated Funding Application: On motion by Trustee Balloni, second by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to authorize Trustee Murphy to submit a NY State Consolidated Funding Application to update the Village Zoning Law, Comprehensive Plan, and Wells Campus Zoning.

AYES: Balloni, Miller, Murphy, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried.

Hire a Cleaning Person: On motion by Trustee Murphy, second by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to hire Sabrina Saville to clean the Village Office/Firehouse building.

AYES: Balloni, Miller, Murphy, and Orman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bianconi

Motion carried.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Balloni, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, and Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk