

October 22, 2012

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, October 22, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, New York.

Members Present:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Supervisor
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	James F. Collins	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Councilman
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Peggy Cooke	Recreation Director
	Patrick Blizniak	Supt. of Building
	David Gunner	Supt. of Highways
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	William Adams	Planning Board
	Charles Snyder	Planning Board
	Ron Krowka	Chief of Police
	Mike Marino	CRA Engineering

Supervisor Jeffe opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mrs. Jeffe noted that there was a great turn-out at today's open house for the new town offices at Southside Municipal Center.

The first item on the agenda was a public hearing on the Town of Aurora 2013 Preliminary Budget.

Supervisor Jeffe gave an overview of proposed budget, citing several challenges:

- Revenues are flat
- 13% increase in pension costs
- 19% increase in worker's compensation rates

Other areas covered:

- An increase of 1.4% is proposed for the General Fund while the Part Town and Highway funds will not increase.
- Non-union employees, including elected officials (with the exception of the four council members) will receive a 2% salary increase. Per the CSEA contract, union employees will receive a 2.5% increase. Employees at the higher end of the pay scale will receive \$0.50 per hour increase instead of 2%.
- A part time dog control officer is proposed, with the person performing those duties also being assigned to the Parks department.
- A reminder that the NYS 2% tax cap is not exactly 2% since there is a calculation that could result in an increase of more than 2%.
- The budget officer stipend line has been eliminated.
- The secretary to the supervisor position is proposed to be returned to full time.

At 7:18 p.m. Supervisor Jeffe opened the hearing to comments from the public.

Bill Patterson, Grover Road, stated he is opposed to any increase in the budget, opposed to the increase in the Supervisor's travel line and opposed to elected officials getting raises.

Hearing no further comments, the hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2012 Town Board meeting; seconded by Councilman Collins. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none

Motion carried.

Action #368
10/9/12 Town
Board meeting
minutes
approved.

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Bach moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign, submit and execute contracts with the Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for the following projects upon approval of the ECCDBG:

- 1) Aurora Senior Center Programming and Building Improvements
- 2) Continuation of the Rural Transit Service, Inc. program

Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion.

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #369
CDBG to be submitted for Sr. Center exercise equipment and carpets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Collins moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a lease agreement with MedBill Management LLC, 300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, NY, whereby MedBill will continue to lease 350 square feet of (second floor) office space at 300 Glead Avenue for a three year term commencing November 1, 2012 and terminating October 31, 2015. The first year rent will be \$4,896 (\$408.00 monthly) and will increase by 2% effective the 1st day of each 12 month period. Councilman Bach seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none

Motion carried.

Action #370
Supv auth to sign lease agreement with MedBill (300 Glead)

Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a lease agreement with Explore & More...A Children's Museum, 300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, NY, whereby Explore & More will lease 750 square feet of (second floor) office space at 300 Glead Avenue for three (3) years commencing on November 15, 2012 and terminating on November 14, 2015. The first year rent is \$9,800 (\$816.67 monthly) and will increase by 2% effective the 1st day of each 12 month period. This is in addition to the area on the first floor leased by Explore & More.

Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:

ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #371
Supv auth to sign lease agreement with Explore & More (300 Glead)

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the following budget transfer to cover the cost of purchasing a duplicator:

From: A1990 Contingency	\$2411
A7180.426 Community Pool Maintenance	\$2411
To: A7020.401 Rec. Administration office exp.	\$4822

Councilman Bach seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:

ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #372
Budget transfer for duplicator purchase approved.

Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize the purchase of a Gestetner (Lanier) DD4450 Digital Duplicator from United Business in the amount of \$4822. Funds to be disbursed from A7020.401. (A NYSERDA rebate will bring the cost down to \$1,206.) The annual maintenance fee will be \$375/year. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none

Motion carried.

Action #373
Purchase of Gestetner duplicator approved.

Councilwoman Friess moved to accept the following donations to be used exclusively for the Glead baseball/softball diamond project, with funds to be deposited to TA1000.112:

Action #374
 Glead baseball diamond donations accepted.

Donor Name	Amount	Date Received
Leo's Pizzeria	\$500	10/16/12
Cenergy Activating Brands	\$3,000	10/16/12

Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Collins moved to authorize payment no. 2 to Kiercom Communications, Inc., 11460 Tomarsue Dr., Marilla, NY, in the amount of \$7,195.00 for the furnishing and installation of the Avaya phone system in the new Town offices. Funds to be disbursed from Glead renovation capital account IB1620.210. Councilman Bach seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #375
 Payment #2 to Kiercom for Glead reno. Approved.

Supervisor Jeffe stated that consideration of the Aurora Town Library porch repair will be tabled until the Town Engineer can confirm with the low bidder what materials will be used.

Quotes to furnish and install two exterior doors at the Aurora Town Library were received from:

Hamburg Overhead Door	\$3,670.00
Suburban Lock & Key Svc.	\$5,477.00
Door Specialties, Inc.	\$6,496.00

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the \$3,670.00 quote from Hamburg Overhead Door, Inc., Hamburg, NY, to furnish and install two steel doors, including frames and hardware, at the Aurora Town Library, 550 Main Street, East Aurora. Funds to be disbursed from the H3 Library Capital Project budget line. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #376
 Quote for library door replacement approved.

Councilman Bach moved to declare the following as surplus inventory and to dispose of the items through electronics recycling:

Computer monitor	(town ID 2220)
Document scanner	(town ID 1469)
Okidata printer	(town ID 2613)

Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #377
 Electronic items declared surplus.

Councilman Harris moved to change Joan Ann Greenwood's civil service title from Clerk Part-time to Clerk Part-time Seasonal effective October 27, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #378
 J. Greenwood civil service title change approved.

Supervisor Jeffe stated that agenda item 6I (Reed Hill P.I.P) will be discussed at a later date, since the town engineer and the project developer were not able to be at tonight's meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS – The following communications were received by the Board and filed:

- Tax Receiver – September 2012 report
- Recreation Director - September 2012 report
- DCO - September 2012 report
- Work requisitions - September 2012 report
- Supervisor's September 2012 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Councilman Harris commented on the 2013 Preliminary Budget, noting the following:

- \$2500 travel expense is reasonable for the Supervisor
- Some raises were capped at \$0.50 per hour
- He is now opposed to the elimination of the elected tax receiver position, but will leave it up to the voters to decide
- He wants to see a more definite plan with regard to a part time DCO position
- He thanked Peggy Cooke and Joe Orłowski for their fundraising efforts towards the Glead Ave. baseball diamond project.

Councilwoman Friess stated that earlier this year the Board started with a 6-8% tax increase, but ended up with a 1.4% increase to the 2013 budget. Mrs. Friess commented on the flyer that is circulating regarding the elimination of the elected tax receiver position, noting that the flyer has four questions on it, but no answers, so she is supplying the answers:

- Question #1: Do you want to give up your right to vote for local elected officials?
Answer: The tax receiver job would be under another elected official and there are only two towns left in Erie County that have an elected tax receiver and an elected town clerk (Holland and Aurora).
- Question #2: Do you want less control over local government?
Answer: The tax receiver is not a policy making position, it is mostly clerical.
- Question #3: Do you want the town board to eliminate more elected officials?
Answer: The town board does not have the power to eliminate elected positions – they can make a recommendation and put it before the voters to decide.
- Question #4: Do you want to keep your voice in who serves in Town government?
Answer: same as #2

Councilman Collins noted that if today the Town were to create a part-time position that paid approximately \$30,000 plus health insurance, most people would be against it.

Supervisor Jeffe stated she: 1) met with the Town's Workers Compensation risk prevention representative and as a result the Town will be forming an internal safety committee; and 2) met with Mark Thomas from NYS Parks.

AUDIENCE II:

James P. Collins, East Main Street, noted that Councilman Harris' email address on the town website needs to be corrected.

STAFF REPORTS:

Donna Bodekor noted that County Clerk Chris Jacobs and staff will be at the Senior Center on 10/26/12 as part of the "Thank a Veteran Program".

David Gunner commented on the tax collector issue and the DCO/highway merger.

Police Chief Krowka noted that the Police Department received three grants from/for: 1) Buckle-Up NY; 2) bullet proof vests; and 3) fingerprinting scan.

Peggy Cooke noted that 18 of the 21 trees have been planted at Majors Park and the spaces in between will be planted with forsythia.

The October 22, 2012 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers numbered 1943 to 2032, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 38,237.60
Part Town	1,089.75
Highway	18,903.27
Enterprise/Gleed	27,583.61
Capital – Baseball	603.80
Capital – Gleed Reno.	19,835.16
Trust & Agency	473.66
Special Districts	<u>70,965.47</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$177,692.32

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the October 22, 2012 Abstract of Claims as presented and to authorize payment of same. Supervisor Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #379
10/22/12
Abstract of
Claims aprvd

Councilman Collins moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Bach. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #380
Meeting
adjourned.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk