

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
October 28, 2019

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a work session:

Present:	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	William Wheeler	GHD/Engineer
	Tony Rosati	Zoning Board of Appeals member

Supervisor Bach led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) Aurora Municipal Center – Asbestos Change Order:

The Town Board previously approved the additional work and cost to remove additional asbestos found at the Aurora Municipal Center project. The approval was for removal of asbestos in pipe insulation at a time and materials cost not to exceed \$15,068 and removal of asbestos in floor tiles that were found under a concrete slab at a time and materials cost not to exceed \$41,547. The cost after completion was \$15,530 for the pipe insulation removal and \$45,753 for the floor tile removal. The change order will remain at \$15,068 and \$41,574.

2) Aurora Municipal Center – Ceiling Tile Change Order

The Board looked at samples of the ceiling tile specified in the Aurora Municipal Center bid documents and two other styles. It was determined that the specified tile did not fit the new building aesthetically and a nicer looking tile was chosen. This will be on tonight's agenda as a change order in the amount of \$8,191. Councilwoman Jeffe stated that considering the square footage of the building, this is an inexpensive change that will look nicer. Councilman Harris was not in favor of the upgrade and cost.

3) Local Law – Tax Cap Override:

Supervisor Bach stated that this Local Law will not be necessary. The Board looked at the 2020 Budget, existing fund balance, and other items and determined that the local law to override the tax cap will not be needed.

4) Private Road Waterlines:

In July 2019, the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) took over the Town's water system in a direct service agreement. The ECWA did not take over water lines on private roads, private driveways or other private property. The ECWA Tariff says that the ECWA will service public roads, not private roads. The Town currently has five such situations – Mitchell Road, Hickory Lane, South Herrick Drive, Mary Jane's Lane and Center Street private line that includes properties on Center, West Gate and Hubbard Road. There are a total of 34 water customers.

According to the Erie County Health Department (ECHD), the Town needs to test the water in these lines on a regular basis as the ECHD states that the Town is the supplier of the water. Attorney Bennett contends that the ECWA is the supplier as they pump, treat and disburse the water. The only thing the Town does is read the meters and bill the residents for water consumed. Mr. Bennett will continue to discuss this with the ECHD.

The anticipated cost to test the water, read meters and bill the customers is \$12,669. If divided by the number of water customers (34) the cost is \$372.62 per residence/customer. Attorney Bennett noted that there is no district formed to tax the residents so the cost should be on the water bills.

5) Aurora Municipal Center update:

Councilman Snyder stated that the demolition work at the AMC is complete as is the roof. The work is progressing on time.

Supervisor Bach noted that Oakwood Avenue is still in bad shape and the street being closed is affecting traffic and parking at the AMC project site and at the Aurora Senior Center.

Councilman Snyder noted that the HVAC rooftop units and interior furnaces at the Senior Center will be replaced on Monday, November 11th. The Senior Center will be closed that day.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk