

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
November 25, 2019

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, November 25, 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
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	Chris Musshafen	Recreation Director
	Robert Goller	Secy. to Supv./Town Historian
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	William Wheeler	Engineer/GHD
	Tony Rosati	ZBA member

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

1) Local Law Intro 4-2019 – Amend Town Code for no parking zone on Gypsy Lane:

The Town Board will schedule a public hearing on a proposed local law that would amend the Town Code to include a no parking zone on Gypsy Lane.

2) Recreation Pay Rates and Employee Rate Increases:

Aquatics and Recreation Director Chris Musshafen presented rate schedules for recreation employees and EAST coaches that take into account the 2020 minimum wage increase from \$11.10 to \$11.80 per hour. Also included are rate increases for individual employees.

3) North Grove Bridge – Crane rental:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting approval to hire Benchley Contracting & Rental Corp. for a crane rental to install the North Grove Bridge box culvert. Quotes were solicited from three vendors. Mr. Gunner stated two declined to submit a quote. Benchley responded with a \$575 per hour/8 hour minimum \$4600 rate, not including mobilization, setup, permits and counterweights. They submitted a “worst case scenario” cost of \$13,900.

4) North Grove Bridge – railings:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting approval to purchase bridge railing for the North Grove Street bridge. A quote for \$7,280 was received from Pavilion Drainage Company, which is on the Erie County bid list.

5) STOP DWI – Memorandum of Understanding:

In order for the Town to be paid \$10.00 for each DWI case reported for the year 2018, the Supervisor needs to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Erie STOP DWI office.

6) Senior Center Custodian:

Senior Center Director Donna Bodekor is requesting to hire Norman Turner, Lewis Road, South Wales, to the position of part time laborer (custodian) for the Senior Center at a rate of \$12.50 per hour effective December 2, 2019. The former custodian resigned in order to begin a new job.

7) Employee Medical Insurance/Town Contribution:

The proposed insurance premiums for the Town for 2020 are as follows:

- BCBS of WNY Platinum HMO 110 Plus (a premium increase of 7.03%)
 - Single \$620.38
 - Subscriber & Spouse \$1,240.76
 - Subscriber & Child(ren) \$1,054.65
 - Family \$1,768.08

- BCBS of WNY Silver POS 8100 (a premium increase of 1.36%)
 - Single \$424.88
 - Subscriber & Spouse \$849.79
 - Subscriber & Child(ren) \$722.30
 - Family \$1,210.91

The Board discussed the rate increases and whether or not to increase the Town's contribution toward medical insurance. Councilwoman Jeffe will work on the figures to determine a proposal for the Town's contribution.

8. Historian – expanded hours:

Town Historian Robert Goller spoke to the Board about the expanded hours coming to the Historian's office beginning January 8, 2020. The Historian's office is currently open to the public on Wednesday's from 1-4 p.m. The new schedule will be as follows:

- Open to the public Wednesday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m.
- By appointment Monday evenings after 7:00 p.m.
- By appointment Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

This schedule will reduce the amount of time that Mr. Goller will spend in the Supervisor's office as Secretary to the Supervisor/Payroll.

9. Early voting at Senior Center:

Donna Bodekor spoke to the Board about the early voting at the Aurora Senior Center. She noted that it was very strenuous for the Senior Center staff and outside of their job descriptions. They were answering calls from voters, dealing with voters that came during non-voting hours, moving furniture to accommodate the polls, opening and closing the Center after hours and on weekends. Ms. Bodekor asked the Board if they would consider some type of compensation for the two part-time secretaries who went above and beyond their jobs to accommodate early voters.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk