

April 27, 2020

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Due to the coronavirus/Covid19 pandemic, tonight's meeting was live-streamed via Zoom and YouTube in accordance with NYS Executive Order 202.1 – *Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or similar service: Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such action authorized by the law without permitting public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.*

Members in attendance: (via Zoom)	Jolene M. Jeffe Susan A. Friess Charles D. Snyder Luke Wochensky James J. Bach	Councilwoman Councilwoman Councilman Councilman Supervisor
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Absent/Excused: none

Others in attendance: (via Zoom or phone)	Ronald Bennett Martha Librock Christopher Musshafen Donna Bodekor William Kramer David Gunner Tony Rosati Don Owens William Wheeler Shane Krieger Jeffrey Markello	Town Attorney Town Clerk Recreation/Aquatics Director Senior Center Director Code Enforcement Officer Highway Superintendent Zoning Board member Planning Board Chairman GHD/Engineer Chief of Police Town Justice
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Supervisor Bach opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2020 Town Board meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Friess. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none

Action #102
3/23/20 mtg
min aprvd

Motion carried.

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve payment no. 8 to Greater Niagara Mechanical, Inc., 7311 Ward Road, N. Tonawanda, NY, in the amount of \$31,796.50 for work performed at the Aurora Municipal Center through March 31, 2020. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none

Action #103
Pymt 8 to
GNM for
AMC aprvd

Motion carried.

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve payment no. 11 to Industrial Power & Lighting, 60 Depot Street, Buffalo, in the amount of \$162,071.62 for work performed at the Aurora Municipal Center through March 31, 2020. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none

Action #104
Pymt 11 to
IPL for AMC
aprvd

Motion carried.

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve payment no. 8 to Mollenberg-Betz, Inc., 300 Scott Street, Buffalo, in the amount of \$49,618.80 for work performed at the Aurora Municipal Center through March 31, 2020. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none

Action #105
Pymt 8 to
Mollenberg
Betz for
AMC aprvd

Motion carried.

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve payment no.11 to Telco Construction, Inc., 500 Buffalo Road, E. Aurora, in the amount of \$155,351.35 for work performed at the Aurora Municipal Center through March 31, 2020. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #106
Pymt 11 to
Telco for
AMC aprvd

The Board discussed the status of the July 3rd fireworks, parade and associated activities. Councilwoman Jeffe asked if any other towns had cancelled their Independence day activities. Town Clerk Librock informed the Board that the town of West Seneca had cancelled its Community Day activities (parade, fireworks, etc.) which are held the weekend before Aurora's events.

Councilman Wochensky noted that people would be in close quarters at the park to watch fireworks and the Board should err on the side of safety.

Supervisor Bach stated that any monies already collected for the 2020 fireworks display should go toward the 2021 display. Councilwoman Jeffe noted that any funds budgeted for the 2020 Independence Day events should be put in reserve.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to cancel the July 3, 2020 fireworks, parade and all associated activities; designate that any funds already collected for fireworks be used for the 2021 display; and put any funds budgeted for the 2020 July 3rd events in a reserve fund. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #107
7/3/2020 Ind
Day events
cancelled

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the request from Kathleen Moffat, Bookkeeper, to use Debt Reserve funds for the \$45,000 principal and \$4,066.25 interest payments to Depository Trust for the Glead Avenue parking lot/HVAC bond. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #108
Debt reserve
funds to be
use for Glead
parking/hvac
bond pymts

Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize payment to Visual Impact Signs, 316 Main Street, E. Aurora, NY, in the amount of \$3,096 for four (4) signs at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave. Payment does not include installation, which will be paid after signs are installed. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #109
Pymt to
Visual Impact
for AMC
signs auth

On Friday, April 24, 2020 quotes/bids in response to an RFQ for security systems (not including exterior cameras) at the new Aurora Municipal Center were received from:

Amherst Alarm	\$32,917.57
Johnson Controls	\$42,350.00
Great Lakes	\$31,505.00

The quotes were reviewed by the architect and clerk of the works and the recommendation that Amherst Alarm was the low bidder based on voluntary alternates credits in their quote. With the alternates, their quote was \$29,817.57.

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the quote from Amherst Alarm in the amount of \$29,817.57. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion.

Discussion:

- o Attorney Bennett asked if the low bidder had the opportunity to apply credits to their bid.

- Councilman Wochensky stated he preferred to get bids for exterior cameras, too.
 - Councilman Snyder stated he is not sure we need outside cameras.
 - Attorney Bennett stated the Board could except this bid and then go out to bid/RFQ for exterior cameras.
 - Supervisor Bach stated the general contractor is holding putting in ceiling tiles so the wiring for the security items can be installed.
- Action #110
Amherst
Alarm aprvd
to install
security
systems at
AMC

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

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

- Town Clerk – March 2020 report
- Town Clerk/Tax – March 2020 report
- Water Clerk – March 2020 report
- Senior Center – March 2020 report
- Building Department – March 2020 report
- Supervisor – March 2020 report

Highway Superintendent Gunner spoke to the Board about a proposed composting agreement with the Town of Orchard Park that allows the Town of Aurora to deliver brush and leaves to the Orchard Park composting site and Town of Aurora residents would be allowed to pay the Orchard Park resident rate to purchase mulch. The first year of the two-year contract would cost the Town of Aurora \$10,000 and the second year would cost \$15,000.

Mr. Gunner noted that Orchard Park took 125 truckloads of brush from Aurora at no cost. He also stated that we budgeted \$12,000 in 2020 for tub grinding that produces coarse mulch that residents can pick up for free. If we agree to the Orchard Park contract, free mulch at the highway garage will not be available.

Councilman Wochensky stated that the proposed contract needs more “meat” in it.

Councilwoman Friess moved to amend tonight’s agenda by adding item 6D – Orchard Park Composting contract. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #111
Item 6D –
added to
agenda.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Composting Contract with the Town of Orchard Park, contingent upon legal review. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #112
Supv auth to
sign O.Pk.
composting
agrmt
contingent on
legal review

Councilwoman Friess moved to amend tonight’s agenda by adding item 6E – Highway Bucket Truck. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #113
Item 6E –
hwy bkt trk
added to
agenda

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting to purchase a new 2021 Kenworth T370 cab, chassis, and Terex bucket lift from the Onondaga County bid #ONGOV-106-19 for \$142,633.00. Mr. Gunner noted that truck could be ordered now or as late as the Fall and the Town could cancel the order as late as January 2021 if necessary.

Councilwoman Friess stated she has concerns since there is not a lot of knowledge about next year’s revenues and the 2021 budget.

Councilman Snyder suggested waiting until August 2020 to see what is going on.

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated the offer is good until the end of 2020, the only thing that would affect when we get the truck would be build time.

Councilwoman Friess moved to table the request to purchase a 2021 bucket truck until the first Town Board meeting in August 2020. Action #114 Request to purchase bucket truck tabled
Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
eyes – five noes – none Motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND LIAISONS:

Councilwoman Jeffe stated she would like to hold off for a couple weeks before making any decisions on the status of Town parks.

Councilman Wochensky asked if the police are patrolling area such as Owens Falls.

Police Chief Krieger stated that the parks are being utilized on nice days. The Mill Road Overlook is a concern because it is such a small area and over-flow parking on Center Street near Owens Falls is a concern.

Supervisor Bach commented on the employment of Town personnel going forward. He would like to talk to department heads and have a plan developed for each office for the eventual reopening. Mr. Bach stated that how employees are being paid also needs discussion. Part-time might be paid for time worked, full-time discussion could include concessions such as sick days or vacation time. Councilwoman Jeffe state that would need a labor attorney's input.

Councilman Wochensky asked about recreation programs. Recreation/Aquatics Director Chris Musshafen responded that they are waiting for Governor Cuomo to make re-opening decisions. Chris noted that they are not accepting sign-ups until May 18th.

Supervisor Bach stated we also need to think about Community Pool.

Councilwoman Jeffe suggested no sign-ups until June 1st.

Councilwoman Friess suggested that recreation program registrations only start when we know we can open up.

AUDIENCE II:

Tony Rosati, Oakwood Ave., asked if the Town had thought about any potential use for the Seminary on Knox Road if it were to be sold. Mr. Rosati also talked about fast-tracking any use through the Planning Board.

Supervisor Bach responded that he does not believe it should be fast-tracked. There is no Town municipal water to that location.

Mr. Rosati also asked about doubling the capacity of the Town's current car-charging station. Supervisor Bach stated the one we have was received through a grant and we would have to look into it further.

STAFF REPORTS:

Bill Wheeler, GHD, wished everyone well and hopes we all stay safe and healthy.

Bill Kramer stated the Building Department is still reviewing plans; small project permits (fences, etc.) are being issued. Mr. Kramer noted that once the offices reopen, they will be very busy.

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated he laid-off four (non-union) workers. The North Grove Bridge sidewalks will be installed tomorrow.

Chris Musshafen noted that his department is in a holding pattern.

Donna Bodekor stated she supports exterior cameras at the new Town Hall.

Police Chief Krieger stated that vehicle and traffic offences are down and social distancing is going well.

Judge Markello stated that there have been no court sessions in the last 5 to 6 weeks per the order from the Unified Court Office.

Tony Rosati stated they are waiting for the go-ahead to start hearing zoning case again.

Don Owens noted that the Planning Board is not currently active.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The Abstracts of Claims consisting of P-Card voucher 362 dated March 24, 2020; prepaid vouchers numbered 363 to 373 dated April 2, 2020; vouchers numbered 374 to 439 dated April 13, 2020 were presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 99,847.94
Part Town	65,399.00
Highway	11,509.70
Capital/H4	120.00
Capital/H5	13,000.00
Capital/H7	744.95
Trust/Agency 2	655.00
Special Districts	<u>193,902.48</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 385,179.07

The April 27, 2020 Abstract of Claims consisting of vouchers numbered 440 to 488, and P-Card voucher number 489, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 42,077.05
Part Town	225.00
Highway	21,984.73
Capital/H5	398,838.27
Capital/H7	1,793.12
Trust/Agency	224.80
Trust/Agency 2	2,240.00
Special Districts	<u>449,978.68</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 917,361.65

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the Abstracts of Claims listed above and authorize payment of same. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #115
Abstracts of
Claims with
vouchers
processed 3/24
through
4/27/2020
aprvd

Action #116
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk