

February 8, 2021

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, February 8, 2021 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 Charles D. Snyder Luke Wochensky James J. Bach	Councilwoman Councilman Councilman Supervisor
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Excused:	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
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Others in attendance: (via Zoom or phone)	Ronald Bennett Martha Libroek David Gunner Elizabeth Cassidy Chris Musshafen Joseph Wetzel Shane Krieger Tony Rosati	Town Attorney Town Clerk Highway Superintendent Asst. Code Enforcement Officer Recreation/Aquatics Director Engineer/GHD Chief of Police ZBA member
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Supervisor Bach opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the minutes of the 1/25/2021 meeting; seconded by Councilman Wochensky. Upon a vote being taken: eyes – four noes – none Motion carried.	Action #29 1/25/21 mtg min. aprvd.
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AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Several individuals were unable to sign and file their oath of office by the January 30, 2021 deadline.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to appoint the following persons to fill the vacancies created by unfiled oaths of office:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Committee/Vacancy</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Action #30</u>
Wayne Nowocin	Zoning Board Alternate	1/1/21 – 12/31/21	Committee & board appts to fill vacancies due to unfiled oaths of ofc
David Thomason	Disaster Advisory	1/1/21 – 12/31/21	
Gary Grote	Disaster Advisory	1/1/21 – 12/31/21	
Mark Hartley	Disaster Advisory	1/1/21 – 12/31/21	
James Bach	Marriage Officer	1/1/21 – 12/31/21	
Jon Sundquist	Open Space Committee	1/1/21 – 12/31/23	
Kerrie Gallo	Open Space Committee	1/1/21 – 12/31/23	
Albert Salter	Zoning Board Alternate	1/1/21 – 12/31/21	
Laurie Kutina	Conservation Board	1/1/21 – 12/31/21	
Jerrold Thompson	Conservation Board	1/1/21 – 12/31/21	
Marty O'Connor	Disaster Advisory	1/1/21 – 12/31/21	
Timothy Bailey	Conservation Board	1/1/21 – 12/31/21	

Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
eyes – four noes – none Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Snyder moved to amend tonight's agenda by adding item 6H – set date/time for special meeting/work session. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #31
Item 6H added to agenda

Councilman Wochensky moved to accept the resignations for purposes of retirement for the following Town employees:

Margaret Theodorakos effective February 10, 2021 – first day of retirement 2/11/2021 (20+ years Court Clerk)

Action #32
Resignation for retirement accepted from 4 employees

David Drosendahl effective February 25, 2021 – first day of retirement 2/26/2021 (26+ years Highway Department)

William Kramer effective February 26, 2021 – first day of retirement 2/27/2021 (16+ years Building Department)

Michael Bove effective February 26, 2021 – first day of retirement 2/27/2021 (30+ years Building Department, then Highway Department)

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

Councilman Wochensky moved to appoint Elizabeth Cassidy as Town of Aurora Code Enforcement Officer effective February 27, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$28.75. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #33
E. Cassidy appt CEO effective 2/27/21

Councilman Snyder moved to authorize the Bookkeeper, Kathleen Moffat, to complete 2020 year end budget transfers to correct overdrawn appropriation budget lines. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #34
Bookkeeper auth to complete 2020 YE budget transfers

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve the following 2021 budget transfer to prevent an overdrawn appropriation line:

From: A1990 Contingent \$2,500.00
To: A1950 Property Taxes \$2,500.00

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

Action #35
2021 budget transfer aprvd (property taxes)

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the 2021 Highway 284 Agreement and to authorize the Town Board members to sign the agreement. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #36
2021 Hwy 284 agreement aprvd

Highway Superintendent Gunner informed the Board that Justin Smith will be Deputy Highway Superintendent effective February 20, 2021, replacing Michael Bove who is retiring.

Councilman Snyder moved to change the Deputy Highway Superintendent stipend from Michael Bove to Justin Smith effective February 20, 2020. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #37
J. Smith to receive Deputy Hwy Supt stipend effective 2/20/21

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to accept a \$200 donation from the Hosta Society for the Senior Center. Funds to be deposited to TA1000.0090. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #38
\$200 donation
to SrCtr
accepted

Councilman Snyder moved to set 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 16, 2021 as the date and time for a special meeting/work session of the Town Board to be held at the Aurora Municipal Center meeting room at 575 Oakwood Ave., and streamed live on Zoom. At this work session, the Board will discuss the proposed rezoning of 730 Olean Road. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #39
Special meeting
/ work session
set for 2/16/21
re: 730 Olean
rezoning

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: The following communications and reports were received by the Board and filed:

- Town Clerk – January 2021 report
- Water Clerk – January 2021 report
- Senior Center – January 2021 report
- Building Department – 2020 Annual report
- Dog Control – January 2021 report
- Supervisor – January 2021 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND LIAISONS:

Councilwoman Jeffe stated that Nancy Smith, WNY Land Conservancy, reports better behavior at Owens Falls.

Councilman Wochensky asked if a February 25 meeting date with the people interested in forming a committee representing the West Falls community would work. Mr. Wochensky also commented on AMR ambulance service and Spectrum internet service.

Supervisor Bach stated he participated in a Zoom meeting with the Police Reform Committee.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Chris Musshafen noted that his department is working on setting up summer programs and he is meeting with the Erie County Health Department Commissioner to discuss rules and regulations.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The 2020 Encumbered Abstract of Claims dated February 8, 2021, consisting of vouchers numbered 1545 to 1552, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 1,628.40
Highway	<u>1,735.20</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 3,363.60

The 2021 Abstract of Claims dated February 8, 2021, consisting of vouchers numbered 71 to 131 was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 47,089.26
Part Town	2,822.20
Highway	172,506.43
Trust/Agency 2	1,800.00
Special Districts	<u>11.00</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$223,228.89

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the 2/8/2021 - 2020 Encumbered and 2/8/2021 Abstracts of Claims, and authorize payment of same. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action # 40
2/8/2021
Abstracts of
Claims
approved.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #41
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk