

June 14, 2021

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, June 14, 2021 beginning at 6:50 p.m. immediately after the work session. The Board met in-person at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, New York. Public attendance was allowed at this meeting.

Members in attendance:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	Chris Musshafen	Recreation/Aquatics Director
	Joseph Wetzell	Engineer/GHD
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police

Supervisor Bach opened the regular meeting at 6:50 p.m., immediately following the conclusion of the work session.

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 work session and meeting with one correction to her statement in Work Session item 3 – it should read “Councilwoman Friess stated that there is a Master (Comprehensive) Plan that was not adopted, but that we follow, and that this area along Olean Road is designated for mixed use.” Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #155
5/24/21
minutes aprvd

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

At the May 24, 2021 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve an Open Development Area (ODA) consisting of the splitting of the parcel at 535 Jewett Holmwood Road resulting in a lot without the required road frontage (Action #139). On June 10, 2021, an email was received from the property owners stating they were not going to go ahead with the ODA plan to split the property and build a new home for various reasons.

Councilman Snyder moved to rescind Action #139 of May 24, 2021, thereby rescinding approval of an ODA lot to be split from 535 Jewett Holmwood Road. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #156
535 Jewett
Holmwood
ODA
rescinded

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to table the Temporary Use Permit request from Jennifer Brazill for use of Knox fields for parking for the 2021 Borderland event in order for the traffic and parking plan to be updated. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #157
Borderland
TUP tabled.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to adopt the following resolution regarding LED lighting at the Aurora Town Library; seconded by Councilman Snyder:

Whereas, the Town of Aurora is the owner of the land and building housing the Aurora Town Public Library located at 550 Main Street in the Town of Aurora, and maintains such building under an arrangement with the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System; and

Whereas, the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Program Equipment and Facility Improvement Initiative provides funding for improvements that add to the library patron experience, including the replacement of fluorescent tubes with energy saving LED lamps; and

Whereas, the LED bulbs/lamps are being provided by the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System through Graybar and the US Communities Contract EV2370; and

Whereas, the Town of Aurora will provide funding for the labor to remove the old bulbs and install the new LED bulbs/lamps; and

Whereas, the Town of Aurora will be reimbursed up to 75% of the cost of removing existing bulbs and installing new LED bulbs/lamps through New York State Library Construction Aid funding.

Now, therefore be it Resolved, that, as owner of the Aurora Town Public Library, the Town of Aurora recognizes its responsibility to maintain the building and therefore will make available up to \$10,500.00 to cover the cost of labor to replace existing light bulbs at the Aurora Library with LED bulbs/lamps.

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.
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Action #158
Resolution for
LED lighting
for Main St
library
adopted

Councilwoman Friess moved to make the following adjustments to the water rates charged to water customers in the Public Water Supply area of the Town effective for the July 2021 billing (second quarter usage):

- Center/Hubbard/Westgate from \$4.38/1000 gallons to \$4.51/1000
- Mitchell and Hickory from \$3.94/1000 gallons to \$4.51/1000
- Mary Jane Lane and South Herrick will remain at \$4.51/1000

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

Action #159
Water rates for
PWS (private
line)
customers
adjusted

Councilman Snyder moved to accept a \$200 donation from East Aurora Baseball and Softball, Inc. to be used to offset expenses to clean the Community Pool restrooms for the remainder of the baseball season.

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

Action #160
\$200 donation
from EA Base-
ball/softball
accepted

Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign an Early Voting Polling Location Lease Agreement with the Erie County Board of Elections for use of the Aurora Municipal Center for early voting from June 12 – 20, 2021. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #161
Supv auth to
sign early
voting lease
agreement
with ECBOE

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve the hiring of Stacey Blatner, 171 Sycamore Street, East Aurora, as a Clerk/Typist PT Seasonal for the Recreation Department at a rate of \$15.07 per hour effective June 15, 2021. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #162
S. Blatner
hired as clerk
in rec dept

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the hiring of the following as Recreation Attendants PT Seasonal with orientation to be considered the first day worked:

Russell Barone	371 S. Grove, EA	\$12.70/hour
Montgomery Nicholl	585 Linden, EA	\$12.70/hour
Charlie Moffat	677 Oakwood, EA	\$12.50/hour

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

Action#163
PT Seasonal
Rec Attend's
hired

Action #164
TUP for
Holland sch to
use pool aprvd

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve a Temporary Use Permit for the Holland Middle School 7-8 grades to use Community Pool for open swim on June 24, 2021 from 10:30am to 11:30am, contingent upon receipt of proof of insurance. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #165
Budget
amendment
for GDS softball
donation

Councilman Snyder moved to authorize the following budget amendment to record the receipt of a \$1,000 donation from Glory Days Softball League:

- Add revenue line A2705.3 Donations GDSL
- Increase revenue line A2705.3 Donations GDSL by \$1,000
- Increase appropriation line A7110.444 Park supplies by \$1,000

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

Action #166
Use of debt
reserve funds
for final Glead
building bond
pytm aprvd

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve the use of Debt reserve funds for the final payment of \$455,000 principal and \$7,975 interest due on the \$1,775,000 Public Improvement Bond (Glead building and renovation bond) that is due June 15, 2021. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #167
Budget trans
for taxes on
property aprvd

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

From: A1910 Unallocated Insurance	\$1,300
To: A1950 Taxes and Assessments on Property	\$1,300

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

Action #168
Supv auth to
sign 2021-22
dental &
vision ins
renewal

Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Guardian Dental and Vision insurance renewal for 2021-2022 with the following rates:

Dental - Single \$57.08/month and Family \$154.86/month.
Vision – Single \$9.93/month and Family \$21.30/month.

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

Councilman Snyder moved to adopt the following Justice Court Audit resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Friess:

WHEREAS, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires every justice of a village or town to submit his records and docket to the auditing board of said village or town; and

WHEREAS, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that Justice Court records shall be examined and audited by said auditing board or a certified public accountant.

Action #169
Justice Court
audit
resolution
adopted

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the audit and examination of the records of the Aurora Town Justices for the year ended December 31, 2020 was performed by the auditing firm of Drescher & Malecki LLP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings of said audit and examination were presented to the Town Board of the Town of Aurora.

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.
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COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: The following communications and reports were received by the Board and filed:

- Town Clerk/Tax – May 2021 report
- Town Clerk – May 2021 report
- Water Clerk – May 2021 report
- Senior Center – May 2021 report
- Building Department – May 2021 report
- Supervisor – May 2021 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND LIAISONS:

Councilwoman Friess stated she will be attending the EC Board of Sewer Manager meeting on June 15, 2021.

Councilman Snyder stated the Aurora Municipal Center ribbon cutting went very well.

Supervisor Bach noted that the ribbon cutting was a community event with participation from the American Legion #362 Color Guard, EA High School Junior Cadence Shepperd who sang the National Anthem, Aktion Club member Paul Sadjak who led the Pledge of Allegiance, Senator Patrick Gallivan and Congressman Chris Jacobs. The event was attended by Village and Town Board members, members of the East Aurora Fire and Police Departments, employees, residents and members of Fontanese Folts Aubrecht Architects, who designed the facility.

AUDIENCE II:

David Peltan, Church St., EA, spoke to the Board about the NY State marijuana law and suggested putting information about it on the website and in the East Aurora Advertiser. Mr. Peltan also suggested that all parks and recreation facilities be made smoke-free.

STAFF REPORTS:

Police Chief Krieger noted that the Village Board will be appointing a new police officer next week.

Code Enforcement Officer Elizabeth Cassidy stated that to date 53 building permits have been issued for Aurora Mills and there are 32 lots left.

Chris Musshafen stated Community Pool is open and he is working with chlorine distributors to be sure there is sufficient chlorine for this summer.

Donna Bodekor thanked the Board for moving early voting from the Senior Center to the Aurora Municipal Center. Ms. Bodekor noted that there is federal funding available for some improvements/updates to the Senior Center.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The 2021 Prepaid Abstract of Claims dated June 4, 2021, consisting of vouchers numbered 532 to 538 was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$7,737.94
Special Districts	<u>451.53</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$2,189.47

The 2021 Abstract of Claims dated June 14, 2021, consisting of vouchers numbered 539 to 618 and prepaid vouchers 619 to 623, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$505,527.33
Part Town	4,090.27
Highway/DB	149,083.27
Special Districts	<u>47,655.63</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$706,356.50

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the 6/4/2021 Prepaid Abstract of Claims and the 6/14/2021 Abstract of Claims, and authorize payment of same. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #170
6/4 PPD and
6/14/21
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 #171
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk