

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
October 12, 2021

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a work session. The Board met in-person at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, New York. The meeting was also streamed via Zoom and YouTube:

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| Present: | Jolene M. Jeffe | Councilwoman |
| | Susan A. Friess | Councilwoman |
| | Charles D. Snyder | Councilman |
| | Luke Wochensky | Councilman |
| | James J. Bach | Supervisor |
| Others Present: | Ronald Bennett | Deputy Town Attorney |
| | Donna Bodekor | Senior Center Director |
| | Elizabeth Cassidy | Code Enforcement Officer |
| | Tony Rosati | Village Trustee/Town ZBA member |
| | Paul Ernst | ZBA Chairman |

Supervisor Bach opened the work session at 6:30 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and noted the regular meeting would begin immediately after the work session.

1) Highway Plow Truck order/purchase:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting the Board to approve ordering and purchasing a new 2023 Kenworth T480 snow plow truck. The cab and chassis would be purchased from Kenworth Northeast Group Incorporated off of Sourcewell contract #060920-KTC. The dump body, plow and salter with controls would be provided by Henderson Products, Inc. The cost of the cab and chassis is \$119,614.00 and the cost of the dump body, plow and spreader is \$127,398.00 for a total cost of \$247,012.00. In a letter dated 10/11/2021, Kenworth sales rep Doug Hughes states that pricing is guaranteed through 2022, but if the truck cannot be built in 2022, there may be a price increase. Mr. Gunner stated that if the purchase is not approved in the 2023 Town budget, Kenworth Northeast will release the Town from the sales agreement without penalty. Mr. Gunner noted that he reached out to other truck companies, but this is the best deal.

2) 2022 Tentative Budget changes:

The Board discussed several changes made to the Tentative budget since it was presented to the Town Clerk and Town Board. The changes did not affect the tax cap as the budget is under the cap by \$76,518.00.

3) Health Insurance Broker:

The Town currently uses Bene-Care as its health insurance broker. Supervisor Bach and Assistant to the Supervisor, Kathleen Moffat, held discussions with Vanner Insurance, Hartloff Benefits, Bene-Care and Sheridan Benefits regarding health insurance broker services. They are recommending that the Town utilize Hartloff Benefit Solutions LLC as the Town's new health care insurance broker. Hartloff also offers an HR platform at no charge. The "ThinkHR /Mineral" software is currently used by the Town.

4) Aurora Municipal Center WiFi:

Councilman Wochensky asked if the election inspectors would be able to connect to the Town's guest WiFi during early voting. Supervisor Bach stated he would look into it.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk