

January 24, 2022

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, January 24, 2022, beginning at 7:20 p.m. immediately after the 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:

Present:	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Tim Stroth	Planning Board member
	Tony Rosati	Village Trustee/ZBA member
	Robert Goller	Town Historian
	Rod Simeone	ZBA member

Supervisor Bach opened the regular meeting at 7:20 p.m., following the conclusion of the work session.

The first items on the agenda were the following Public Hearings:

Special Use Permit for restaurant/bar at 612 Buffalo Road:

Supervisor Bach open the hearing at 7:20p.m. and asked if anyone wished to address the Board on this proposal. Ben Bell, applicant for the Special Use Permit, stated that he has gotten his liquor license and has been in contact with the Erie County Health Department, East Aurora Fire Department and the Building Department with regard to the proposed restaurant and bar. Councilman Granville asked if music will be inside or outside. Mr. Bell responded, a little of both. Councilman Granville asked if the midnight close time was accurate. Mr. Bell responded, yes.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 7:25p.m. Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy stated she spoke with the CEO in Elma, and he noted the Town of Elma had no problems with the portion of the property (volleyball court/parking lot) in Elma. ZBA member Rod Simone noted that the Aurora ZBA had given a variance in the past for the lighted sign that is in front of the building.

Special Use Permit for a short-term rental unit at 1895 Davis Road:

Supervisor Bach opened the hearing at 7:29p.m. and asked if anyone wished to address the Board on this proposal. Hearing no one, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 7:30p.m.

Special Use Permit for a short-term rental unit at 1887 Davis Road:

Supervisor Bach opened the hearing at 7:31p.m. and asked if anyone wished to address the Board on this proposal. Hearing no one, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 7:32p.m.

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Councilman Snyder moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 work session and meeting. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #59  
1/10/2022  
minutes  
aprvd

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Wochensky moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with the Village of East Aurora for Hamlin Park, contingent upon the addition of wording that states the Town will only pay the utilities for the recreation building. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #60  
Supv to sign  
Hamlin Park  
agreement  
with utility  
wording incl

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the amendment to the 2018-2023 Police Service Agreement regarding a School Resource Officer (SRO) and authorize the Supervisor to sign the letter of amendment, contingent upon approval of the Town Attorney of the language in amended Exhibit A. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #61  
Supv to sign  
SRO  
amendment  
to police  
agreement

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Bach moved to adopt the following resolution; seconded by Councilman Wochensky:

Whereas, the Aurora Town Board acknowledges the importance of parents and donor-conceived persons knowing the medical, educational and criminal felony conviction history of individuals who have donated reproductive tissue to a reproductive tissue bank for the purposes of an artificial insemination or assisted reproductive technology procedure and disseminating this history information to a recipient and donor-conceived person upon request, if any; and,

Whereas, the Aurora Town Board further acknowledges knowing the medical, educational and criminal felony conviction history of a donor will provide recipients with the necessary information to make informed decisions regarding the process of artificial insemination or assisted reproductive technology procedure and for donor conceived persons to obtain essential medical information, which may reveal any genetic or mental health disorders; and,

Whereas, the Aurora Town Board finds that reproductive tissue banks, including semen banks, oocyte donation programs and embryo banks have a duty to collect and verify medical, educational and criminal felony conviction history information provided by donors on donors self-reported medical, educational and criminal felony conviction histories and during the donor screening processes and to keep detailed records of such for use by recipients and donor-conceived persons, if any, prior to a procedure and in the future.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Aurora Town Board fully supports the passage of NYS Senate Bill S7602, sponsored by Senator Patrick M. Gallivan, and supports further efforts to insure both parents and donor conceived persons have access to verified medical, educational and criminal felony conviction histories for all donors.

Action #62  
Board  
supports  
NYS Senate  
Bill S7602 –  
reproductive  
donor  
history

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

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the 2022 Highway 284 Agreement and authorize the Town Board members to sign the document. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #63  
Hwy 284  
agreement  
aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the following 2022 Budget transfer to increase the Town Attorney payroll line as per Action No. 37 of 1/10/2022:

Action #64  
2022 budget  
amendment  
re: Twn Atty  
pay aprvd

From: A1420.102 Deputy Town Attorney	\$12,500
To: A1420.100 Town Attorney	\$12,500

Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:  
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Councilman Snyder moved to accept the resignation of Elaine Schiltz effective February 10, 2022 (last day of employment), with her first day of retirement being February 11, 2022. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #65  
E. Schiltz  
resignation  
accepted

Councilman Snyder stated that Elaine put her heart into her job. Supervisor Bach noted that Elaine is a great person and a great employee.

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

- Town Clerk – 2021 Annual report
- Senior Center – December 2021 report
- Town Clerk/Tax – December 2021 report
- Town Clerk/Tax – 2021 Annual report
- Building Department – 2021 Annual report
- Historian – 2021 Annual report
- Supervisor – December 2021 report

#### BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS

Councilman Snyder stated he represented the Town at the recent West Falls Fire Department Installation Dinner.

Councilman Granville stated he attended the recent Planning Board meeting. He noted that we will have our disagreements, but at the end of the day will shake hands.

Councilman McCann stated he was given a tour of the baseball fields at Community Pool Park and visited the Town's gas wells. Mr. McCann noted it was very informative.

Supervisor Bach stated the Town needs to make a plan for use of ARPA funds and that the money used needs to be for the benefit of all residents.

Councilman Wochensky spoke about obtaining quotes for improving the audio/visual in the meeting room. Mr. Wochensky noted that the code update committee has completed work on the main zoning code and will be sending it to the Town Attorney and then to the rest of the Town Board.

#### AUDIENCE II:

Tony Rosati, Oakwood Ave., encouraged everyone to remove built up snow from around fire hydrants.

#### STAFF REPORTS:

Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy stated that Rural Outreach has broken ground on their Olean Road project and that Aurora Mills subdivision is winding down with only fifteen lots left to be developed.

Police Chief Krieger thanked the Board for their support of the SRO.

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated the highway crew has been doing a great job of keeping up with plowing during the recent snow falls.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The January 24, 2022 – 2021 Encumbered Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers numbered 1416 to 1436 and PCard voucher numbered 32, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 17,506.08
Part Town	99.23
Highway/DB	3,149.78
Special Districts	<u>103,754.47</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$124,509.56

The January 24, 2022 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers numbered 33 to 70, and prepaid vouchers numbered 71 to 72, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 10,468.14
Part Town	1,637,927.24
Highway/DB	<u>3,968.60</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$1,652,363.98

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the 1/24/2022 – 2021 Encumbered, and the 1/24/2022 Abstracts of Claims and authorize payment of same. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #66  
Abstracts of  
Claims aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #67  
Meeting  
adjourned

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk