

August 14, 2023

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, August 14, 2023, beginning at 7:35 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 streamed via Zoom and YouTube.

Present:	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Tim Stroth	Planning Board member
	Doug Crow	Planning Board member
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Bach opened the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m., following the conclusion of the work session.

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2023, work session and meeting. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five          noes – none          Motion carried.

Action #237  
7/24/2023  
minutes  
aprvd

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Snyder moved to amend the agenda by adding item 5P – TE9 speed studies for Center Street and Bowen Road. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five          noes – none          Motion carried.

Action #238  
Item 5P –  
TE9 traffic  
studies to the  
agenda

Bids for a new storage shed at the Aurora Town Library, 550 Main Street, East Aurora, were received from:

DMR Contracting	\$52,020.00
Ingelfinger Custom Contracting	\$26,850.00
Varecka Builders, Inc.	\$25,006.00

Action #239  
Varecka  
awarded  
library shed  
bid.

Councilman Snyder moved to award the library shed bid to Varecka Builders, Inc., PO Box 401, East Aurora, NY, for the amount of \$25,006.00. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five          noes – none          Motion carried.

A bid for a new 2023 or newer ¾ ton 4X4 pickup truck was received from: West Herr Ford, Inc./West Herr Dodge Ram, 5025 Camp Road, Hamburg, NY, for the amount of \$56,573.43.

Councilman Granville moved to award the bid for a new ¾ ton 4X4 pickup truck to West Herr Ford for \$56,573.43. The truck bid is a new 2023 Ram 2500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4X4. Funds will be disbursed from DB5130.217 – equipment purchases. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five          noes – none          Motion carried.

Action #240  
West Herr  
awarded ¾  
ton pickup trk  
bid

Quotes for a new overhead door at the Highway garage were received from:

National Overhead Door, Inc.	\$8,412.00
Hamburg Overhead Door, Inc.	\$7,302.00
Rupp Overhead Door, Inc.	\$8,050.00

Action #241  
Hwy garage door from Hamburg Overhead Door aprvd.

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the quote from Hamburg Overhead Door, Inc., 5659 Herman Hill Road, Hamburg, NY, to provide and install a new overhead door at the Town Highway garage, 251 Quaker Road, East Aurora, for a cost of \$7,302.00. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the hiring of Dorothy “Dolly” Bailey, 124 Maple St., East Aurora, NY, as a Clerk PT Seasonal (Building/Zoning Clerk) at an hourly rate of \$17.50 effective August 15, 2023. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #242  
D. Bailey hired bldg - zoning clerk

Quotes for 300 14-gal recycling bins were received from:

Cascade Engineering	\$3,371.00
Recycle Away	\$3,879.46
Global/Busch (online)	\$19.75/bin

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the purchase of 300 14-gal recycling bins from Cascade Engineering, Grand Rapids, MI for \$3,371.00. Funds will be disbursed from SG8189.410 which currently has a balance of \$3,500.00. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #243  
Purchase of 300 recycling bins aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the proposal from GHD Consulting Services, Inc., to review the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the NYSEG project to replace poles and insulators along transmission lines in the Town. The proposed cost for the review is \$1,200.00. NYSEG will reimburse the Town the cost of the review. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #244  
Supv auth to sign SWPPP proposal from GHD

Councilman Granville moved to approve the Temporary Use Permit for a Lacrosse tournament at Knox Farm State Park on October 28 – 29, 2023 contingent on the promotor submitting a parking/traffic plan. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Councilman Wochensky asked if this was for profit. After further discussion Councilman Granville withdrew his motion and Councilman Snyder withdrew his second.

Action #245  
Lacrosse TUP tabled for more information

Councilman Wochensky moved to table the request from Champion Lacrosse for more information, including if funds generated are donated. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.  
Councilman Granville said he would look into this.

Councilman McCann moved to accept the results from the auctioning of a 2015 pickup truck and a Tommy Gate through Auctions International:

- 2015 Ford F250 pickup truck \$24,400.00
- Tommy Gate \$25.00

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

Action #246  
Pickup trk & lift gate auction results accepted

Councilman Snyder moved to accept the resignation/retirement of Don Owens from the Planning Board and as Planning Board Chairman. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #247  
Don Owens' resignation from Plnng Brd accepted

Councilman Wochensky moved to appoint Planning Board member Douglas Crow to fill the unexpired term of Chairman of the Planning Board, term ending December 31, 2023. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #248  
D. Crow appt planning brd chairman to fill unexpired term

Councilman McCann move to appoint Alternate Planning Board member Christopher Contento to fill the unexpired Planning Board term of Don Owens, term ending December 31, 2025. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #249  
C. Contento appt Plnng Brd member to fill unexpired term

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the following budget amendment to records funds received from Erie County for the Senior Center and Historian's Office:

- Increase revenue line A2706 Grants from Local Govt. by \$10,000.00
- Increase appropriation line A6772.401 Sr. Center supplies \$5,000.00
- Increase appropriation line A7510.401 Historian supplies \$5,000.00

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

Action #250  
Budget amendment aprvd – SrCtr & Hist grants

Councilman McCann moved to approve the following budget amendment to pay for the Senior Center dishwasher repair:

- Decrease A1990 Contingent Account by \$806.14
- Increase A1620.422 Buildings & Grounds – repairs by \$806.14

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

Action #251  
Budget amendment aprvd – Srctr dishwasher

Councilman Snyder moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter of engagement with Goldberg Segall, the attorney designated by Selective Insurance to represent the Town in Ruffner vs. Village of East Aurora, Town of Aurora, et al. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #252  
Supv auth to sign ltr of engagement re: Ruffner lawsuit

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve a Temporary Use Permit to WNY Cyclocross Club c/o John Roden to hold a bicycle race at JP Nicely West Falls Park on October 15, 2023, contingent upon receipt of a certificate of insurance naming the Town as additional insured. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #253  
TUP for bike race at WF Park aprvd

Councilman Snyder moved to authorize TE-9 speed studies for:  
1) Center Street in the Town of Aurora from West Gate Drive to the Village of East Aurora line  
2) Bowen Road in the Town of Aurora from the East Aurora Village line to the Aurora/Elma line  
Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #254  
TE-9's auth for Center St & Bowen Rd

Supervisor Bach presented the following Proclamation to Don Owens for his many years of volunteer service to the Town of Aurora. Mr. Owens has been a member of the Town of Aurora Planning Board since the 1970's, serving many of those years as Chairman. Mr. Owens is retiring from the Planning Board and he and his wife Barbara will be making their residence in Orchard Park, NY.

PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Donald Owens has served on the Aurora Town Planning and Conservation Boards for more than 50 years, including many as its chairman; and

**WHEREAS**, as a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in soil science, and as a former soil survey leader with Cornell University and president of Earth Dimensions, Inc., Don's expertise in soil, drainage, development and environmental issues has been an invaluable asset to the Planning Board, and by extension, to all the residents of the Town of Aurora and Village of East Aurora; and

**WHEREAS**, Don's willingness to give back to the community has extended beyond the Planning Board, including his efforts to preserve Western New York's railroad history and to protect the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Don and Barbara Owens's generous contributions have led to the establishment of the Western New York Railway Historical Society in Buffalo and the Owens Falls Sanctuary here in the Town of Aurora; and

**WHEREAS**, Don's professionalism and his "chipper" attitude have made the Town of Aurora a much better place;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on behalf of the residents of the Town of Aurora, we do hereby make this public proclamation of thanks and commendation to Donald Owens for his service to the Town of Aurora and our region, with best wishes upon his retirement as chairman of the Planning and Conservation Boards.

*James J. Bach, Supervisor*

Signed on this Fourteenth Day of August,  
in the Year Two-Thousand Twenty-Three,  
and entered into the record of the Aurora Town Board  
on the Fourteenth Day of August,  
in the Year Two-Thousand Twenty-Three

Proclamation  
for Don  
Owens –  
retirement  
from Planning  
Board

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

- Senior Center – July 2023 report
- Town Clerk – July 2023 report
- Town Clerk/Tax – July 2023 report
- Town Clerk/Water – July 2023 report
- Dog Control – July 2023 report
- Work Requisitions – July 2023 report
- EAPD – June 2023 report
- Supervisor – July 2023 report
- EA Boys & Girls Club – thank you letter

**BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:**

Councilman Snyder stated that he, Supervisor Bach, and GHD Engineer Camie Jarrell met with Chaz Vance regarding his request to extend his storm drain on Town property. Ms. Jarrell spoke with the NYSDOT regarding the drain and reported that the NYSDOT will not be doing that sort of work when they reconstruct Route 240/Davis Road. Mr. Vance's option will be to put in a sump pump.

Councilman Granville stated that almost everyone on the west side of Davis Road in that area has drainage problems.

Councilman Wochensky stated that 1) the NY Forward committee will be visiting the West Falls area on September 13, 2023; 2) ambulance response time needs improvement; 3) the South Wales Fire Company has space in their building for the Erie County backup ambulance; and 4) the CSCTF submitted its Bronze application and is looking into the Silver requirements.

Supervisor Bach wished Councilman Snyder an early Happy Birthday.

AUDIENCE II: none

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Rod Simeone noted that there is a controversial zoning case before the ZBA.  
Liz Cassidy thanked the Board for hiring Dolly Bailey.

**ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:**

The August 14, 2023 Abstract of Claims consisting of vouchers numbered 880 to 987 was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 34,583.26
Highway/DB	31,495.98
Special Districts	<u>2,375.60</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 68,454.84

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the 8/14/2023 Abstract of Claims and authorize payment. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #255  
7/24/2023  
Abstract of  
Claims aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Councilman McCann. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes - none Motion carried.

Action #256  
Meeting  
adjourned

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk