

August 28, 2023

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, August 28, 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
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Tim Stroth	Planning Board member
	Doug Crow	Planning Board Chairman
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Camie Jarrell	GHD Engineer

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

Councilman McCann moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2023, work session and meeting. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #257
8/14/2023
minutes
aprvd

AUDIENCE I:

Tim Stroth, Center Street, asked who would own the domain of the CSCTF website and who would approve the content. Councilman Wochensky responded the Town would own the website. Mr. Wochensky stated that the CSCTF is mandated to have a website.

Rod Simeone, Byeberry Court, suggested that the chairperson of the Planning Board and/or Zoning Board be offered a courtesy interview with candidates for those boards.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Snyder moved to rescind Action #239 from the 8/14/2023 meeting (awarding Library shed bid to Varecka Builders) due to the bid not meeting the specs. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #258
Board
rescinds
action #239
from 8/14/23
meeting.

Councilman Snyder moved to award the bid for the Main Street Library shed project to Ingelfinger Custom Contractor, the next lowest bidder for the project, for \$26,875.00. Funds for the project will be paid from A1620.422. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #259
Ingelfinger
Contracting
awarded
library shed
bid

Councilman Wochensky moved to table the Temporary Use Permit request/application from John Jiloty/Champion Lacrosse for a lacrosse tournament at KFSP. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #260
Lacrosse
TUP tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman McCann moved to amend the agenda by adding item 5K – CSCTF website. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #261
Item 5K –
CSCTF
website
added to the
agenda

Councilman Granville moved to amend the agenda by adding item 5L – signs for Town Hall. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #262
Item 5L –
AMC signs
added to
agenda

Councilman Wochensky moved to refer the Site Plan and Special Use Permit applications for 196 Ellicott Road to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s). Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #263
196 Ellicott
site plan/SUP
referred to
planning brd

Councilman Granville moved to refer the request to rezone v/l SBL#176.00-4-25.1 Olean Road (600 Olean Road) to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s). Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #264
Olean Rd
rezoning
referred to
planning brd

Councilman McCann moved to approve the following budget transfer to allow the Town to pay off the Highway portion of the New York Power Authority (NYPA) loan for the 2016 LED light conversion project:

From: A1990 Contingent \$8,477.00

To: A9790.600 NYPA Principal \$8,477.00

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

Action #265
Budget trans
for hwy LED
proj aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to approve the following budget amendment to record the use of assigned fund balance to pay for the Main Street Library shed:

- Decrease A599 Fund Balance by \$27,300.00
- Increase A1620.422 Building Grounds repairs by \$27,300.00

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

Action #266
Budget
amend aprvd
for library
shed

Councilman Granville moved to approve the following budget amendment to record the increase in Community Pool revenues, cover overages in Community Pool payroll and increase the Pool Maintenance line:

- Increase A2025 Community Pool revenue by \$4,788.00
- Increase A7180.115 Community Pool payroll by \$1,031.53
- Increase A7180.426 Community Pool maintenance by \$3,756.47

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

Action #267
Pool budget
amendments
aprvd

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the following budget transfer to cover a deficit in the Staff Training budget line:

From: A7180.426 Pool Maintenance \$1,055.23

To: A7989.401.1 Staff Training Supplies \$1,055.23

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

Action #268
Recreation
budget
transfer aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to accept a \$3,175.00 donation from an anonymous donor to be used towards bands for the July 3rd Independence Day celebration. Funds will be deposited to A2080.1. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #269
Donation for
Ind. Day
bands
accepted

Councilman Granville moved to approve the request from Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy to have Paul Kielich work in the Building Department October 3 – 11, 2023 (except for the October 9th holiday). Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #270
P. Kielich to
work in bldg.
dept to cover
CEO vacation

Quotes for a new snowplow for the Highway Dept. 2024 Dodge 2500 pickup truck were received from:

- General Welding: Boss Poly VXT \$8,176.00
- Niagara Truck Equipment: VXF8511 Snowdogg \$7,475.00
- Cappellino Chevrolet: Western Poly MVP3 \$8,303.49

Action #271
Purch of
snow plow
from Niagara
Truck for
highway pu
aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to approve the purchase of a VXF8511 Snowdogg Plow from Niagara Truck Equipment, 6511 South Transit Road, Lockport, NY, for \$7,475.00. Funds will be disbursed from DB5142.449. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Councilman Snyder moved to declare a 2012 MS391 20” Stihl chainsaw as surplus inventory to be scrapped. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #272
Stihl saw
declared
surplus

Councilman Wochensky moved to authorize up to \$250 for a website for the Climate Smart Community Task Force. Funds will come from the Contingency line. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #273
Funds for
CSCTF
website aprvd

Quotes for interior and exterior signs at the Aurora Municipal Center were received from:

- ASI \$2,394.00
- Visual Impact Signs \$1,124.00

Action #274
Purch of
signs for
AMC aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to approve purchasing signs for the Aurora Municipal Center from Visual Impact Signs, Main Street, East Aurora, in the amount of \$1,124.00. Funds will be disbursed from A1620.423. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: none

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman McCann stated that the composting grant application is moving forward. The AED for baseball should be here soon.

Councilman Granville spoke about the WFCFA “Bluesberry” event; the West Falls Library book sale; and the NY Forward meeting on 9/13/2023.

Councilman Snyder attended the Association of Erie County Governments meeting with Supervisor Bach and Highway Superintendent Gunner. Mr. Snyder also met with Sharon B. from the Cooperative Extension about the Japanese Knotweed at the Aurora Municipal Center.

Councilman Wochensky stated that 1) the NY Forward grant interviews are 8/29/23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Wochensky met with Erie County re: ambulances and he noted that the contract with AMR for ambulance service is up in 1 ½ years.

Supervisor Bach stated he spoke with Erie County officials regarding the complaints raised by residents about “jake braking” noise. Mr. Bach was informed that it is against the law to put signage on County roads banning “jake braking”.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Camie Jarrell noted that she has been working with the Building Department and Planning Board on general engineering issues.

Doug Crow stated he will solicit Planning Board members for suggestions for alternate members.

Chris Musshafen stated Fall programs will be starting soon and he will be holding lifeguard training classes.

David Gunner stated that Scott Bieler is donating a new sign for West Falls. Councilman Wochensky suggested that the sign design be presented to the West Falls Advisory Board.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The August 28, 2023 Abstract of Claims consisting of PCard voucher numbered 988; vouchers numbered 989 to 1040; and prepaid vouchers numbered 1041 to 1042 was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 43,661.28
Part Town	96.42
Highway/DB	29,362.46
Special Districts	<u>178,054.35</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$251,174.51

Councilman Granville moved to approve the 8/28/2023 Abstract of Claims and authorize payment. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #275
8/28/2023
Abstract of
Claims aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes - none Motion carried.

Action #276
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk