

December 21, 2023

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Thursday, December 21, 2023, beginning at 11:10 a.m. 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
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	Chris Musshafen	Recreation/Aquatics Director
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Tim Stroth	Planning Board Member
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Bach opened the regular meeting at 11:10 a.m. following the work session.

Councilman McCann moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 work session and meeting. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five	noes – none	Action #395 12/11/23 minutes aprvd
	Motion carried.	

AUDIENCE I: none

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman McCann moved to set 7:00 p.m. January 8, 2024 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave., East Aurora, as the time, date and place for a public hearing on a proposed local law to rezone SBL# 176.00-4-25.1 (aka: 600 Olean Road) and SBL# 176.00-4-20 (aka: 586 Olean Road) from A (agriculture) and RR (rural residential) to C2 (commercial). Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five	noes – none	Action #396 Public hearing set for LL to rezone 586 & 600 Olean
	Motion carried.	

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Snyder moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the NYSDOT Agreement for Advance Payment for the temporary easement being requested by the NYSDOT for a work area to be used during the Route 240 reconstruction project. The 248sf square shaped parcel is located at the southwest corner of the Town owned West Falls Dam Site property. The NYSDOT will compensate the Town \$360.00 for this temporary easement. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five	noes – none	Action #397 Supv auth to sign NYSDOT temporary easement doc for Rte 240 project
	Motion carried.	

Councilman Granville moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the NYSDOT Agreement for Advance Payment for the permanent easement being requested by the NYSDOT for constructing, reconstructing and maintaining a drainage pipe associated with the Route 240 reconstruction project. The 695sf rectangular shaped parcel is located at the north corner of the Town owned property where the West Falls Library- Community Center building is located. The NYSDOT will compensate the Town \$70.00 for this permanent easement. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five	noes – none	Action #398 Supv auth to sign NYSDOT permanent easement doc for Rte 240 project
	Motion carried.	

Councilman Wochensky moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign and send a letter to the NYSDOT regional traffic engineer requesting that a fire preemption signal and a crosswalk with flashing beacons be included in the Route 240/Davis Road reconstruction project. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #399  
Letter to  
NYSDOT for  
Davis Rd  
crosswalk  
and fire pre-  
emption  
signal auth

Councilman McCann moved to approve a Temporary Use Permit to John Cimperman/42 North Brewing Company for use of the parking area on the Town managed portion of Knox Farm State Park for parking for the February 17, 2024 Brewski event to be held on the State managed portion of the Park. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #400  
TUP for  
KFSP  
Brewski  
event aprvd

Councilman Snyder moved to authorize sending out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an engineering consultant for Town bridge/culvert projects. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #401  
RFP for  
engineering  
consultant re:  
bridges aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to authorize Councilman-elect Raymond Wrazen to attend the Association of Towns sponsored Newly Elected Official school in Rochester, NY on January 10-12, 2024. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #402  
R. Wrazen  
auth to attend  
NYSAOT  
newly elected  
school

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the Comp time cash out of 54.25 hours and the roll-over of one vacation date to be used on January 2, 2024 for Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Richard Miga. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #403  
R. Miga  
comp time  
cash-out and  
vacation roll  
over aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the following budget transfer to cover the approved Comp time cash out for Richard Miga:  
From: A3620.102 Building Dept. Clerical \$1538.53  
To: A3620.103 Asst. Code Enforcement Officer \$1538.53  
and to approve the following budget transfer to correct a budget line deficit:  
From: A3620.405 Building Dept. Mileage \$3.64  
To: A3620.401 Building Dept. Office Expense \$3.64  
Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #404  
Bldg Dept  
budget trans  
aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to approve the vacation roll-over of thirty-six (36) hours for Aquatics/Recreation Director Chris Musshafen to be used in the first quarter of 2024. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #405  
C. Musshafen  
vacation roll  
over aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the signing and submittal of a NYSDEC Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant for \$707,850.00 (\$353,925.00 grant funds and \$353,925.00 matching funds). Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #406  
NYSDEC  
recycling  
grant  
submittal  
aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to authorize the following budget amendment to account for the payoff of the Highway portion of the NYPA loan earlier this year:

- Increase revenue line A2770 Other Unclassified Revenue \$812.24
- Increase appropriation line A9790.600 NYPA Principal \$545.35
- Increase appropriation line A9790.700 NYPA Interest \$266.89

Action #407  
 Budget amendment for NYPA loan authorized

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

Councilman McCann moved to authorize the following budget amendment to account for an increase in revenue and expenses:

- Increase revenue line A2055 Summer playground sports \$1242.00
- Increase appropriation line A7142.400.2 supplies \$1242.00
- Increase revenue line A2056 Youth education \$2514.00
- Increase appropriation line A7310.400.1 vendors \$2514.00

Action #408  
 Budget amendment for recreation revenue & expense increases auth

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

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the following Recreation Department and EAST Coach pay rate schedules effective 1/1/2024, when the NYS Minimum wage increases from \$14.20 to \$15.00 per hour:

<u>Recreation:</u>	<u>Yr1</u>	<u>Yr2</u>	<u>Yr3</u>	<u>Yr4</u>	<u>Yr5</u>	<u>Yr6</u>
Recreation Attendants, Sports, Program Assistants, Day Camp,						
Tennis						
- Junior (HS)	15.75	16.00				
- Senior (other)	16.25	16.50	16.75	17.00	17.25	17.50
STAR/ Theater / Best of Broadway	16.25	16.50	16.75	17.00	17.25	17.50
Lifeguards	16.50	16.75	17.00	17.25	17.50	17.75
Certified Water Safety Instructors (only when teaching)	17.50	17.75	18.00	18.25	18.50	18.75
Day Camp Counselors, Excl. Little, STAR, Track, Tennis (all College)	16.25	16.50	16.75	17.00	17.25	17.50
Head Lifeguard, Adult Supervisors						
Head Tennis Coach	17.75	18.00	18.25	18.50	18.75	19.00
Swim Lesson Coordinator, Facility Mgr.	18.50	18.75	19.00	19.25	19.50	19.75
Day Camp Program Coordinator						
Hamlin Park	17.75	18.00	18.25	18.50	18.75	19.00
West Falls Park	19.25	19.50	19.75	20.00	20.25	20.50
Exclusively Little Teacher	17.50	17.75	18.00	18.25	18.50	18.75
EAST Coach	19.00	19.25	19.50	19.75	20.00	20.25

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

Action #409  
 2024 Rec rate chart aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to approve the following rate increases effective 1/1/2024 based on the approved 2024 Recreation Pay Rate Chart:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Civil Service Title</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Andres, Alexis	Lifeguard RPT/EAST Coach	\$17.00	\$19.25
Aubrecht, Johannes	Lifeguard PT	\$15.50	\$16.50
Aures, Kathryn	Rec. Attendant PT	\$16.85	\$17.60
Barone, Scarlett	Rec. Attendant PT	\$16.75	\$17.75
Bello, Olivia	Lifeguard RPT/EAST Coach	\$17.50	\$19.75
Biggs, Oliver	Rec. Attendant PT	\$17.00	\$18.00
Blatner, Averie	Rec. Attendant PT	\$15.00	\$15.75
Bosela, Adeline	Rec. Attendant PT	\$15.10	\$16.25
Carney, Deaglan	Rec. Attendant PT	\$15.35	\$16.50
Cassidy, Colin	Rec. Attendant PT	\$15.75	\$16.50
Cassidy, Megan	Rec. Attendant PT	\$15.00	\$15.75
Collins, Ivan	Rec. Attendant PT	\$15.35	\$16.50
Davidson, Anna	Lifeguard RPT/EAST Coach	\$19.00	\$21.25
Defries, Ryan	Rec. Attendant PT	\$15.00	\$15.75
Dixon, Alissa	Rec. Attendant PT	\$16.50	\$17.25
Faulkner, Jessie	Lifeguard RPT/East Coach	\$17.25	\$19.50
Fee, Dylan	Rec. Attendant PT	\$16.25	\$17.00
Felton, Tess	Lifeguard RPT/EAST Coach	\$18.25	\$20.50
Ferrara, Matthew	Rec. Attendant PT	\$15.75	\$16.50
Ferreira, Adelle	Lifeguard PT	\$15.50	\$16.50
George, Elaine	Rec. Attendant PT	\$16.25	\$17.00
Girard, Sydney	Lifeguard PT	\$15.50	\$16.50
Green, Archer	Lifeguard PT	\$15.50	\$16.50
Grubka, Addison	Lifeguard PT	\$15.50	\$16.50
Holland, Annabel	Rec. Attendant PT	\$15.25	\$16.00
Horn, Erin	Rec. Attendant PT	\$15.00	\$15.75
Kasubowski, Cassie	Lifeguard PT	\$15.75	\$16.75
Kwitek, Jack	Lifeguard PT	\$15.50	\$16.50
Little, Brenden	Lifeguard PT	\$15.75	\$16.75
Lucyshyn, Kira	Lifeguard PT	\$15.50	\$16.50
Marshall, Elliott	Lifeguard PT	\$15.50	\$16.50
Montgomery, Nick	Rec. Attendant PT	\$17.00	\$17.75
Mruzik, Lillian	Lifeguard PT/WS instructor	\$16.00/16.75	\$17.00/17.75
Nagy, Parker	Lifeguard PT	\$15.50	\$16.50
Nietopski, Ivan	Lifeguard PT/EAST Coach	\$17.00	\$19.00
Osucha, Elizabeth	Lifeguard PT/EAST Coach	\$17.50	\$19.50
Sanderson, Elizabeth	Lifeguard PT/EAST Coach	\$17.00	\$19.00
Sexton, Amelia	Rec. Attendant PT	\$15.35	\$16.50
Stahl, Avery	Lifeguard PT/WS instructor	\$15.50/16.50	\$16.50/17.50
Tent, Braden	Lifeguard PT	\$15.50	\$16.25
Tresmond, Jada	Rec. Attendant PT	\$15.35	\$16.50
Valentine, Megan	Lifeguard PT	\$15.75	\$16.75
Valentine, Weston	Lifeguard PT/WS instructor	\$16.00/16.75	\$17.00/17.75
Wilber, Gregory	Lifeguard PT/WS instructor	\$15.75/16.50	\$16.75/17.50
Williams, Nicholas	Lifeguard PT	\$15.75	\$16.75
Winfield, Jacob	Lifeguard PT/WS instructor	\$15.75/16.75	\$16.75/17.75
Winfield, Susannah	Lifeguard PT	\$15.50	\$16.50
Zagrobelny, Erin	Lifeguard PT	\$15.50	\$16.50

PT=part time RPT=regular part time WS=water safety

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

Action #410  
 Rec pay rate  
 increases  
 aprvd

Councilman Snyder moved to declare a Galaxy Tab A SM-T597V  
 (Town ID#2196) as surplus inventory to be recycled appropriately.  
 Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:  
 ayes – five                      noes – none                      Motion carried.

Action #411  
 Galaxy Tablet  
 declared  
 surplus  
 inventory

Councilman Wochensky moved to accept a \$100.00 donation from the Daylily Society for the Senior Center. Funds to be deposited to TA1000.0090 Senior Center donations. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five                      noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #412  
\$100 donation  
for SrCtr  
accepted

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Recreation – November 2023 report
- three+one Cashvest award announcement
- Erie County Legislature funding letters

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman Wochensky mentioned a January 10, 2024 meeting regarding a skate/BMX park.

Councilman Granville stated he attended the 2024 Eclipse Event meeting.

Councilman McCann spoke about the Eclipse Event, noting that the Friends of Knox Park will be reapplying for a Temporary Use Permit for parking at KFSP, as they will be modifying their request.

Supervisor Bach wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

AUDIENCE II: none

Paul Ernst, Cook Road, thanked Supervisor Bach for his years of service to the Town and presented him with a rendering of the Aurora Municipal Center disguised as Tops Market.

Joe Cassidy, S. Park Place, thanked Supervisor Bach for his commitment of time and talent, noting there was no better example.

Steve McCarville, Jewett Holmwood Road, congratulated Jim Bach on a great career in community service, noting that Jim always had the community in mind.

STAFF REPORTS:

Donna Bodekor noted that Jim (Bach) will be missed and she looks forward to working with Chuck Snyder.

David Gunner, Chris Musshafen and Liz Cassidy all thanked Jim Bach for all he has done for the Town.

Councilman Snyder presented Supervisor Bach with a plaque honoring him for his years of service to the Town and wished him an enjoyable retirement

Supervisor Bach stated that during his tenor as Supervisor, he witnessed five states of emergency, a 100-year pandemic, and a train derailment. Jim thanked his wife Susan for all her support. He also thanked the Town and Village residents, Town Boards – past and present, all the Town employees, the volunteer board members and committee members for their support over the years. He stated he has been blessed and privileged to have represented the Town and served on the Town Board.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The December 21, 2023 Abstract of Claims, consisting of PCard voucher number 1481 and vouchers numbered 1482 to 1524, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 48,136.50
Part Town	24.64
Highway/DB	22,834.89
Special Districts	<u>70,230.22</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$141,226.25

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the 12/21/2023 Abstract of Claims and authorize payment of same. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #413  
12/21/23  
Abstract of  
Claims aprvd

Supervisor Bach moved to adjourn at 11:47 a.m. Seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #414  
Supv Bach  
adjourns his  
final meeting  
as Town Supv

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk