

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
January 8, 2024

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, January 8, 2024, 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 streamed via Zoom and YouTube.

Present:	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Raymond M. Wrazen	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Robert Goller	Town Historian
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Snyder opened the work session at 6:30 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Supervisor welcomed Councilman Wrazen to the Board.

1) GHD Engineering Services Agreement:

GHD Consulting Services has been the engineering consultant to the Town for several years. The 2024 engineering support agreement provides for General Engineering Retainer Services at a set cost of \$500 per month. Planning Support Services will be provided at an hourly rate of \$160 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000.00 annually. The costs for General Municipal Support Services will be provided via proposal if and when needed.

2) Postage Machine Lease:

The Pitney Bowes postage machine lease expires this year. Pitney Bowes currently has a Sourcewell State/Local 60-month lease contract available for \$841.53 per quarter – an increase of \$9.63 per quarter from our current lease.

3) Highway 284 Agreement:

Highway Superintendent Gunner submitted the 2024 Highway 284 Agreement which has information on which road(s) will have permanent improvements made and the amount from the 2024 Budget for other highway expenses.

4) NYSDOT Equitable Business Opportunities (EBO) system:

The Town needs to have itself added to the NYSDOT EBO system, which is a web-based civil rights reporting system which will be needed for culver/bridge projects. The Town Clerk is requesting to be authorized to use this system.

5) East Aurora Boys & Girls Club 2024 Agreement:

The East Aurora Boys & Girls Club Agreement for 2024 is for \$35,000 whereby the Town will provide funding to the Club for the Club to provide services and programs to the youth of the Town of Aurora. Payment will be in four installments throughout the year.

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6) April 8, 2024 Eclipse/Town Board Meeting date:

The Board discussed possibly moving the first Town Board meeting in April from Monday 4/8 to Tuesday 4/9 due to the total eclipse that is scheduled to happen on April 8th. Councilmen McCann and Granville noted they were not opposed to moving the meeting date.

7) RFP/Expression of Interest for Bridge NY Engineering assistance:

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that an RFP was sent to various engineering firms, published in the East Aurora Advertiser and posted on the Town website. DiDionato Associates and Foit-Albert Associates submitted proposals in response to the RFP. Based on qualifications, Mr. Gunner is requesting the Board approve the proposal from Foit-Albert Associates.

8) Highway Truck repair:

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that a new plow truck was damaged during a snow storm on November 27, 2023. A manufacturer defect was the cause of the incident. Mr. Gunner noted that there was mechanical, plow and cosmetic damage done to the truck. The costs to repair the truck will go through the Town's insurance.

Martha Librock
Town Clerk