

June 13, 2011

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, June 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, New York.

Members Present:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Supervisor
	James F. Collins	Councilman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Councilman
Others Present:	Ronald P. Bennett	Town Attorney
	Bryan Smith	Town Engineer
	Peggy Cooke	Recreation Director
	Joe Orłowski	Aurora Baseball Commissioner
	David Gunner	Superintendent of Highways
	Ron Krowka	Chief of Police
	William Adams	Planning Board Member
	Al Fontanese	Planning Board Member
	Jim Walczyk	Working Crew Chief

Supervisor Jeffe opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2011 Town Board work session; seconded by Councilman Bach. Action #153  
Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. 5/17/11 work session min approved.

Councilman Collins moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2011 Town Board meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Friess. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #154  
5/23/11 Twn Brd meeting minutes aprvd.

#### AUDIENCE I:

Donna Fierle, Grover Road, spoke about the proposed compressor station on Reiter Road (Wales) that is part of the Northern Access Project for shipping natural gas to Canada and noted her concern on its effect on the environment. Ms. Fierle asked the Board to take a stand on this issue.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Peggy Cooke and Joe Orłowski stated that the Town Recreation Department has plans to expand the baseball diamonds at 300 Gleed and Greg Merkle is here to present a \$1500 check from The Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame, Inc. Supervisor Jeffe thanked Mr. Merkle for the generous donation.

Supervisor Jeffe and the Board congratulated Jim Walczyk on his 30 years of service to the Town of Aurora and presented him with the following:

#### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, James M. Walczyk became a full-time employee of the Town of Aurora on June 1, 1981; and

WHEREAS, Jim has provided loyal and dependable service to the Town of Aurora Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, Jim has displayed the utmost dedication in carrying out his duties in many different areas of responsibility and has served the Aurora residents in an outstanding manner; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, James M. Walczyk completed 30 years of service to his community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aurora Town Board, on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Aurora, congratulates James M. Walczyk and thanks him for his many years of dedicated service.

Presented this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

Jolene M. Jeffe  
Town of Aurora Supervisor

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- Councilman Collins moved to amend the agenda to add Item 6N – (hiring of) Recreation summer employees. Councilman Bach seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #155 Agenda amended to add item 6N-hiring of recreation emp.
- Councilman Bach moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2010-2011 STOP-DWI Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the Erie County STOP-DWI office. The agreement allows the County to pay the Town for supplying data on DWI cases disposed of in Town court during 2010 and 2011. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #156 Supv. auth to sign STOP DWI MOU with County.
- Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize Highway employee David Drosendahl to receive the maintenance stipend (as per CSEA contract) effective June 13, 2011. Mr. Drosendahl will assume the maintenance duties that Wayne Francis held prior to his resignation from Town employment. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #157 Hwy employee Drosendahl to receive maint stipend.
- Councilman Bach moved to approve an Amended 2011 284 Agreement for the expenditure of Highway moneys for the emergency repair of a culvert on Luther Road in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 and to authorize the Board to sign the agreement. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #158 Hwy 284 amendment to agreement approved for Luther Rd culvert repair.
- Councilwoman Friess moved to approve a budget transfer to cover the biweekly maintenance stipend to be received by David Drosendahl; seconded by Councilman Collins. Highway Superintendent Gunner questioned where the funds were be taken from and asked if they could come from another line. Action #159 Motion to approve Hwy budget transfer reconsidered.
- Councilwoman Friess moved to reconsider the proposal to transfer funds to cover the highway department maintenance stipend; seconded by Supervisor Jeffe. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.
- Councilman Bach moved to table agenda item 6F – Highway department budget transfer. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #160 Hwy budget transfer tabled.
- Councilman Collins moved to rescind action #149 – (5/23/11 Town Board meeting) and to amend the 2011 Operating Budget by adding the following budget lines for the maintenance of the Knox Farm State Park athletic (soccer) and equestrian fields; seconded by Councilwoman Friess:

Revenue

A2025.0001 Special Rec. Facilities Income – State \$2,000.00  
 A2025.0002 Special Rec. Facilities Income – Donations 8,000.00

Appropriations

A7189.0105 Seasonal Parks Labor 5,900.00  
 A7189.0444 Park Supplies 1,000.00  
 A7189.0410 Fuel and Oil 2,600.00  
 A7189.0425 Maintenance 500.00

Action #161  
 5/23/11 TB  
 Action #149  
 rescinded &  
 2011 operating  
 budget  
 amended for  
 Knox Farm SP  
 maintenance.

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

Councilwoman Friess moved to amend the 2011 Operating Budget by adding the following budget lines to cover expenses for the June 14, 2011 Special Election (Bond Referendum):

A1450.0413 Election Inspectors \$4,200.00  
 A1450.0401 Office Expense 7,200.00  
 A1450.0415 Rental of Polling Machines 600.00

Action #162  
 Budget  
 amended –  
 election  
 expense lines  
 added.

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

Councilman Bach moved to approve the following budget transfer to fund the newly formed election budget lines:

From: A1900 Contingent Account \$12,000.00  
 To: A1450.0413 Election Inspectors \$ 4,200.00  
 A1450.0401 Office Expense 7,200.00  
 A1450.0415 Rental of Polling Machines 600.00

Action #163  
 Budget transfer  
 for election  
 budget lines  
 approved.

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

Councilman Harris moved to appoint the following persons as election inspectors for the June 14, 2011 Town of Aurora Bond Referendum:

Marybelle Storms (R)	Joanne Gaillard (D)
Barbara Wheeler (R)	Lorri Beesing (D)
Margaret Reidy (R)	Joy Mazzola (D)
Veronica Brooks (R)	Carl Kopp (D) (alternate)
Sheila Brody (R)	Catherine O'Brien (D)
Barbara Jann (R)	Patricia Petrie (D)
Victoria Montagu (R)	Elizabeth O'Donnell (D)
Rose Barus (R)	Marsha Lewis (D)
Karen Sam (R)	Laurie Smith (D)
Norma Weber (R)	Mary S. Cope (D)
Carol Przystal (R)	Michael Beesing (D)
Louis Przystal (R) (alternate)	Sally Repec (D)

Action #164  
 Election  
 inspectors  
 appointed for  
 6/14/11 special  
 election.

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

Councilwoman Friess moved to set the rate of pay for election inspectors who work on June 14, 2011 for the special election at \$160 for the day and \$20 for the June 9, 2011 training session. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #165  
Rate of pay for election inspectors set.

Councilman Bach moved to authorize the members and alternate members of the Town of Aurora Planning Board to attend an Association of Towns of the State of NY sponsored planning and zoning summer school on July 19, 2011 at the Marriott Hotel in Amherst, NY at a cost of \$70 per person. Funds will be disbursed from B8020.404 Planning Board expense and travel. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #166  
Planning Board members and Alternates auth to attend AOTNY school in Amherst, NY on 7/19/11

Councilman Collins moved to set a joint meeting of the Town Board and Planning Board for Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Auditorium, 300 Glead Ave. for the purpose of discussing a master plan for the Town. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #167  
Joint Town Board – Town Planning Brd meeting set for 7/6/11

Supervisor Jeffe stated she asked the Planning Board to prepare a presentation on the requirements, time-line, etc., to prepare a master plan.

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the request from Michael Farrell to be an out-of-district water customer to the Village of East Aurora for his property at 217 Beech Road. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #168  
OOD Water customer to VEA for 217 Beech Rd approved.

Councilman Bach moved to approve the following budget transfer for a new tractor for the parks department:

From: TA1000.0040 Parks Improvement Fund	\$19,500.00
A1990 Contingent Account	10,300.00

To: A7110.210 Parks Equipment	\$29,800.00
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Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #169  
Budget transfer for parks dept tractor approved.

Councilman Collins moved to approve the purchase of a Kubota L5740HSTC tractor from Buffalo Tractor & Implement Co., Inc., 3045 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY in the amount of \$29,754.00, for the parks department. This is being purchased through NYS Contract #PC62723SB; award number 20365; contract period 11/1/2006 through 10/31/2011. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #170  
Purchase of Kubota tractor for parks department approved.

Councilman Collins moved to approve the hiring of the following recreation employees:

Megan Hulton			
1582 Center St., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal		\$7.25/hr.
Madeline Harts			
248 Walnut St., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal		\$8.70/hr

Action #171  
Hiring of two Rec. dept employees approved.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – The following communications were received by the Board and filed:

- Gow School letter of recognition re: EAPD response
- Tax Receiver letter re: Village tax collection
- Recreation Director – May 2011 Report
- Senior Center – May 2011 Report
- Tax Receiver – May 2011 Report
- Building Department – May 2011 Report
- Town Clerk – May 2011 Report
- EAPD – May 2011 Report
- Work Requisitions – May 2011 Report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman Harris noted he had attended the meeting on the gas facility expansion (compressor station) and stated he sees good and bad aspects of the project. Mr. Harris would like to contact National Fuel to see if they would bring a turbine to the site for “noise sampling”.

Councilman Bach stated, with regard to the Gleed bond issue, best interests are sought by either side. Mr. Bach noted that East Aurora is unique because of people, not buildings and we need to respect each others opinions.

Councilman Collins commended Chief Krowka and the EAPD on the quality of the work they are doing for the community.

Supervisor Jeffe : 1) attended the public hearing on the redistricting of the Erie County legislature districts. Mrs. Jeffe noted that she and other supervisors and mayors in the proposed “mega district” are not satisfied with the plan and are opposed to it since the district would be approximately 45% of Erie County and would cover 22 municipalities. Supervisor Jeffe stated that the legislative representative needs to know the strengths and weaknesses of community he/she serves as well as the geography of the region, including roads and other infrastructure. 2) Stated she will be visiting the gas compressor site on Reiter Road with Legislator Mills. 3) Noted that the residents elected the Board to represent them and this Board will continue to work whichever way the vote on 6/14 turns out.

AUDIENCE II:

Tony Rosati, Center Street, commented on the purchase of the Kabota tractor and asked if the State or anyone will help to cover the cost of the tractor.

Carol Cameron, Kandahar Drive., asked at what meeting was the budget adopted for the Gleed referendum.

STAFF REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that there will be a temporary travel restriction on Grover Road due to a gas line being installed. Mr. Gunner introduced Michael Evans, a new highway employee who will be starting June 20, 2011.

Peggy Cooke stated that on-line registration for recreation programs is going great and that credit card make up 49% of on-line sales. Mrs. Cooke noted that the Hamlin Park tennis court will be resurfaced by the Village in the near future. Tomorrow the Pedestrian Bicycle Board will be initiating the “crossing flags” at several pedestrian crossings on Main Street.

The June 1, 2011 “Pre-paid” Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers numbered 907 to 921, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$26,502.55
Highway	9,161.45
Trust & Agency	2,099.50
Special Districts	<u>8,200.26</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$45,963.76

The June 13, 2011 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers numbered 922 to 1061, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 32,813.53
Highway	93,229.57
Enterprise/Gleed	14,541.24
Trust & Agency	3,629.10
Special Districts	<u>22,304.90</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$166,518.34

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the June 1, 2011 and June 13, 2011 Abstracts of Claims as presented and to authorize payment of same. Councilman Bach seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #172  
6/1 & 6/13  
Abstracts of  
Claims aprvd.

Councilman Collins moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Friess. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #173  
Meeting  
adjourned.

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk