

January 13, 2020

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, New York.

Members Present:	Susan A. Friess Charles D. Snyder Luke Wochensky James J. Bach	Councilwoman Councilman Councilman Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
Others Present:	Ronald P. Bennett David Gunner William Kramer William Wheeler Robert Lowell Goller Davis Heussler Tony Rosati Timothy Stroth Rod Simeone Paul Ernst Shane Krieger	Town Attorney Highway Superintendent Code Enforcement Officer Engineer/GHD Secretary to Supervisor/Historian ZBA member ZBA member ZBA member ZBA member ZBA member Chief of Police

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

#### **2020 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>TERM</b>
<b><i>OATH OF OFFICE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS</i></b>	Town of Aurora newly elected officials <b>James J. Bach, Supervisor; Charles D. Snyder, Councilman; Luke Wochensky, Councilman; and Anthony DiFilippo IV, Town Justice</b> , have taken and filed their oaths of office.	<b>Supervisor</b> <b>1/1/20 – 12/31/21</b>  <b>All others</b> <b>1/1/20 – 12/31/23</b>
<b><i>SECRETARY TO THE SUPERVISOR</i></b>	Supervisor appointed: <b>Robert Lowell Goller</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b><i>ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERVISOR</i></b>	Supervisor appointed: <b>Kathleen A. Moffat</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b><i>BUDGET OFFICER</i></b>	Supervisor appointed: <b>Kathleen A. Moffat</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b><i>DEPUTY SUPERVISOR</i></b>	Supervisor Bach appointed: <b>Charles D. Snyder</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b><i>TOWN HISTORIAN</i></b>	Supervisor Bach appointed: <b>Robert Lowell Goller</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20-12/31/20</b>
<b><i>DEPUTY TOWN CLERK #1</i></b>	Town Clerk appoints: <b>Sheryl A. Miller</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b><i>DEPUTY TOWN CLERK #2</i></b>	Town Clerk appoints: <b>Barbara A. Halt</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b><i>DEPUTY TOWN CLERK #3</i></b>	Town Clerk appoints: <b>Victoria E. Montagu</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b><i>REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS</i></b>	<b>Martha L. Libroock</b> currently serving a four (4) year term.	<b>1/1/18 – 12/31/21</b>

<b>SUB-REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS</b>	Registrar appoints: <b>Sheryl A. Miller</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b>TOWN ATTORNEY</b>	Motion to appoint <b>Ronald P. Bennett</b> to serve a (2) two-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/21</b>
<b>TOWN PROSECUTOR &amp; DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Edward J. Snyder</b> to (1) one-year term as Town Prosecutor and Deputy Town Attorney	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b>MARRIAGE OFFICER</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>James J. Bach and Susan A. Friess</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b>RECREATION DIRECTOR</b> (Town Code Chapter 28, Section 2)	Motion to appoint: <b>Christopher Musshafen</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b>WATER CLERK</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Barbara A. Halt</b> to serve a one (1) year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Laurie Kutina</b> to serve a seven (7) year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/26</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATES</b> (Town Code Chapter 23, Section 23-4)	Motion to appoint: <b>Richard Glover and Alice Brown</b> to serve a one (1) year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Donald Owens</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and if required, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall Auditorium – 300 Glead Avenue	
<b>PLANNING BOARD SERVICES</b>	Motion to retain <b>GHD Consulting Services, Inc.</b> , for Planning Board assistance as needed.	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b>CONSERVATION BOARD</b> (Town Code Chapter 5, Section 1)	Motion to appoint: <b>Donald Owens, Timothy Bailey, Jerrold Thompson, Douglas Crow, David Librock, Norman Merriman and Laurie Kutina</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b> (Town Code Article VI, Chapter 116-60)	On 12/23/19, <b>Paul Ernst</b> was appointed to fill the unexpired term of James Whitcomb.	<b>12/23/19 – 12/31/23</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b> (Town Code Article VI, Chapter 116-60)	Motion to appoint: <b>Timothy Stroth</b> to serve a (5) year-term.	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/24</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD ALTERNATES</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Wayne Nowocin and Albert Salter</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD CHAIRMAN</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Paul Ernst</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b>DISASTER / HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COORDINATOR</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Mark Hartley</b> , Disaster Coordinator; <b>Randy Taylor</b> , Asst. Disaster Coordinator; <b>Thomas Bender</b> , Asst. Disaster Coordinator, to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>
<b>DISASTER ADVISORY</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Shane Krieger, David Thomason, Gary Grote, Mark Hartley, Randy Taylor, Douglas Hooper, Glen Diemer, Code Enforcement Officer William Kramer, Superintendent of Highways David Gunner, Dog Control Officer Sheryl</b>	<b>1/1/20 – 12/31/20</b>

Note: Village of East Aurora and Town of Aurora Supervisor to serve as members ex-officio

**Harris, Senior Citizen Dir. Donna Bodekor,  
Fire Chiefs: EAFD Roger LeBlanc; South  
Wales – Marty O’Connor; 1/1/20 –  
West Falls – Sam Bellomo 12/31/20  
Town Attorney – Ronald Bennett  
Assessor – Roger Pigeon  
to serve a (1) one-year term**

**SAFETY COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN** Will appoint when a Safety Committee is appointed on an as-needed basis

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** Will be appointed on an as-needed basis

**RECREATION ADVISORY  
BRD (Town Code Chpt 26 Sect 1)** Will be appointed on an as-needed basis.

**AURORA TOWN LIBRARY  
BOARD** Motion to appoint: **Elaine Chow Tunkey** 1/1/20 –  
to serve a (5) five-year term 12/31/24

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE** Motion to appoint: **Larry Brickman and Dale  
Morris** to each serve a (3) three-year term 1/1/20 –  
(meeting schedule to be announced) 12/31/22

**TOWN AUDITORS** Motion to appoint: **Drescher & Malecki, LLP** 1/1/20 –  
to serve a (1) one-year term 12/31/20

**ENGINEERING SERVICES** Motion to retain **GHD Consulting Services,  
Inc.** for Town Engineering Services 1/1/20 –  
12/31/20

**MILEAGE  
REIMBURSEMENT RATE** Motion to set the rate at **\$0.50 per mile** as compensation for travel while on Town business.

**TOWN BOARD  
MEETING DATES** Motion to set regular Town Board Meetings at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Glead Ave. as follows:  
**January 13, 27; February 10, 24; March 9, 23; April 13, 27;  
May 11, 26; June 8, 22; July 13, 27; August 10, 24;  
September 14, 28; October 13 (Tuesday), 26;  
November 9, 23; December 14, 28 (Monday at 11:00a.m.)**  
Additional (special) meetings may be set if necessary.

**TOWN BOARD  
WORK SESSIONS** Motion to set Town Board Work Sessions at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Glead Ave. as follows: **January 13, 27;  
February 10, 24; March 9,23; April 13, 27; May 11, 26; June 8,  
22; July 13, 27; August 10, 24; September 14, 28; October 13  
(Tuesday), 26; November 9, 23; December 14**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** Supervisor noted that for the orderly and efficient conducting of public hearings, they will be held at the early part of the meeting. The Board may defer voting on issues discussed at the public hearing for at least two weeks, but may be voted on at the same meeting.

**HOLIDAYS** Motion to designate:  
**Martin Luther King Day (1/20/20) / Presidents Day (2/17/20) /  
Good Friday (4/10/20) / Memorial Day (5/25/20) / Independence  
Day (7/3/20) / Labor Day (9/7/20) /Columbus Day (10/12/20) /  
Veterans Day (Observed) (11/11/20) / Thanksgiving Day  
(11/26/20) / Day after Thanksgiving (11/27/20) / Christmas Day  
12/25/20 / New Year’s Day 1/1/21)**  
Employees may or may not be granted time off on Christmas Eve or Election Day at the discretion of the Town Board. This day is not considered a holiday.

**TOWN HALL HOURS** Motion to set the hours Town Hall will be open to serve the public: **8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday** with the exception of Town Board recognized Holidays. Other office hours by appointment.

**OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER** Motion to designate: **East Aurora Advertiser** as the official publication for all Town of Aurora official business.

**SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADMINISTRATOR** Motion to designate: **Supervisor as Administrator** for all Town of Aurora Special Districts

**BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES** Motion to designate: **JP Morgan Chase Bank, Bank of America, Bank of Holland, Key Bank, Citizens Bank, Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, Five Star Bank, New York Cooperate Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS).**

**PAY PERIODS** Motion to set pay periods for every two weeks.

**RATES OF PAY** Motion to set the Hourly and Bi-Weekly Rates of Pay for Town Employees, Appointed and Elected Officials as follows:

Title	Hourly Rate	Bi Weekly Rate
Councilman		452.93
Councilman		452.93
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Councilman		452.93
Town Justice		1,324.86
Town Justice		1,324.86
Clerk to Town Justice	16.08	
Clerk to Town Justice	19.39	
Supervisor		1,593.67
Assistant to the Supervisor	20.05	
Budget Officer		166.66
Secretary to Supervisor	15.70	
Historian		555.55
Assessor	36.37	
Assessor Mileage		74.07
Assessment Clerk	17.50	
Clerk PT-Assessor's Office	14.05	
Town Clerk		2,516.12
Registrar		33.97
Deputy Town Clerk 1	17.02	
Zoning Clerk	17.02	
Deputy Town Clerk 2	16.33	
Deputy Town Clerk 3	16.87	
Attorney		1481.48
Prosecutor		630.93
Drivers (minibus)	12.52	
Drivers (minibus)	16.93	
Dog Control PT	14.57	
Code Enforcement Officer	29.90	
Building & Zoning Clerk	14.05	
Planning Clerk	14.05	
Assistant Code Enforcement Officer	18.47	
Highway Secretary	14.34	
Parks Secretary	14.34	
Sup. Of Highway		2,516.12
Buildings Dir.-HW Supt.		216.49
Parks Director – HW Supt.		424.64
Water Director – HW Supt.		100.03
Dog Control Director – HW Supt.		100.03

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Bridge Stipend – HW Supt.		185.18
Deputy Highway Supt.-Stipend		126.92
Recreation Leader-Senior Center	22.87	
Part-Time Kitchen	12.77	
Part-time clerk – Sr Center	13.06	
Part-time clerk – Sr Center	13.06	
Custodian (RPT) – Sr Center	12.49	
Aquatics Director	23.80	
Recreation Mileage		44.44
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Recreation Supervisor	19.89	
Clerk Typist PT – Rec	15.07	
Clerk Typist PT - Rec	15.07	
Laborer	14.57	
Laborer	13.25	
Laborer	16.90	

UNION		
Motor Equip. Operator	28.89	
Motor Equip. Operator	28.89	
Motor Equip. Operator	28.89	
Motor Equip. Operator	28.89	
Motor Equip. Operator	28.89	
Motor Equip. Operator	28.89	
Truck Driver	21.74	
Truck Driver	21.74	
Truck Driver	21.74	
Laborer	17.76	
Laborer	17.76	
Laborer	17.76	
Laborer	17.76	
Mechanic Stipend	.38	

**LIMITED SUPPLIES PURCHASE** Motion for the **Highway Superintendent, Recreation & Aquatics Director, Assessor, Historian, Superintendent of Building, Supervisor, Recreation Leader-Senior Center and Town Clerk** to purchase supplies, without Town Board approval, with a limit of \$2999.00, except computer related purchases, which must first be approved by **Kathleen Moffat, System Administrator**.

**ALTERNATE CHECK SIGNER** Motion to authorize: **Charles D. Snyder, Councilman and Susan A. Friess, Councilwoman**, to sign checks in the absence of and at the request of the Town Supervisor.

**VOUCHER FORM** Motion to require a voucher to be used by persons having claims from the Town, be substantially in the standard form prescribed by NYS Audit and Control.

**PREPAYMENT OF CLAIMS** Motion that the Town is authorized to pay, in advance of audit, all public utilities, postage, freight and express charges, insurance, and payments for all approved contracts extending over one-year, and such payments shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit; as used this resolution the term of public utilities shall mean electric, gas, water, sewer, and telephone services as contained in Section 118, Sub. 2 of the Town Law.

**LIABILITY PROTECTION** Action #168 on 11/11/85 provided that the Town will provide personal liability protection for all employees and elected officials by local law: **Selective Insurance Company or equivalent**.

**EMPLOYEE BOND COVERAGE** Supervisor noted that the Blanket Bond is in effect and filed with the Erie County Clerk for **\$1,000,000** for each of the following: **Town Clerk, Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, Assistant to the Supervisor, and Secretary to the Supervisor.**

**BLANKET BOND COVERAGE** Supervisor noted that the blanket coverage of **\$200,000** is in effect for the following: **3 Deputy Town Clerks, 2 Town Justices, 2 Secretaries to Justices, Director of Recreation, and Recreation Secretaries.**

The Supervisor appoints the following Town Board Liaison Assignments for 2020:

**VILLAGE CONTRACTS**

Water, Police & Dog	Friess	Jeffe
Disaster Preparedness, Fire, Ambulance, Alarm	Bach	Friess

**TOWN SERVICES**

Budget & Finance	Bach	Jeffe
Personnel	Bach	Jeffe
Insurance & Bonding	Bach	Jeffe
Assessing	Friess	Bach
Building, Grounds, Handicapped	Snyder	Wochensky
Building Codes & Zoning Enforcement	Snyder	Friess
Rubbish & Recycling	Wochensky	Snyder
Water & Sewer Districts	Jeffe	Friess
Library	Wochensky	Bach
Highway & Street Lighting	Friess	Jeffe
Recreation, Parks & Senior Citizens	Jeffe	Friess
Planning Board & Conservation	Wochensky	Snyder
Zoning Board of Appeals	Bach	Snyder
Boys & Girls Club	Jeffe	Wochensky

**INVESTMENT POLICY**

Adopted 3/12/2018 Action #34

**I. SCOPE**

This investment policy applies to all moneys and other financial resources available for deposit and investment by the Town of Aurora on its own behalf or on behalf of any other entity or individual.

**II. OBJECTIVES**

The primary objectives of the local government’s investment activities are, in priority order:

- To conform with all applicable federal, State and other legal requirements (legality);
- To adequately safeguard principal (safety);
- To provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements (liquidity) and
- To obtain a reasonable rate of return (yield).

**III. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

The governing board’s responsibility for administration of the investment program is delegated to the Town Supervisor, who shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with these investment policies. Such procedures shall include internal controls to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based upon records incorporating the description and amounts of investments, the fund(s) for which they are held, the place(s) where kept, and other relevant information, including dates of sale or other dispositions and amounts realized. In addition, the internal control procedures shall describe the responsibilities and levels of authority for key individuals involved in the investment program.

#### IV. PRUDENCE

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the Town of Aurora to govern effectively.

Investments shall be made with prudence, diligence, skill, judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which knowledgeable and prudent persons acting in like capacity would use, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived.

All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

#### V. DIVERSIFICATION

It is the policy of the Town of Aurora to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument, and by maturity scheduling.

The governing board shall establish appropriate limits for the amount of investments that can be made with each financial institution or dealer, and shall evaluate this listing at least annually.

#### VI. INTERNAL CONTROLS

It is the policy of the Town of Aurora for all moneys collected by any officer or employee of the government to transfer those funds to the Town of Aurora within 7 days of deposit, or within the time period specified in law, whichever is shorter.

The Town Supervisor is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control procedures to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization, properly recorded, and managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

#### VII. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITARIES

The banks and trust companies that are authorized for the deposit of moneys are as follows:

- JP Morgan Chase Bank
- Bank of America
- Bank of Holland
- Key Bank
- Citizens Bank
- Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company
- Five Star Bank

#### VIII. SECURING DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

All deposits and investments at a bank or trust company, including all demand deposits, certificates of deposit and special time deposits (hereinafter, collectively, "deposits") made by officers of the Town of Aurora that are in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, including pursuant to a Deposit Placement Program in accordance with law, shall be secured by one or more of the following:

1. A pledge of "eligible securities" with an aggregate "market value" (as provided by the GML Section 10) that is at least equal to the aggregate amount of deposits by the officers. See Schedule A of this policy for a listing of "eligible securities."
2. A pledge of a pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities, having in the aggregate, a market value at least equal to the aggregate amount of deposits from all such officers within the State at the bank or trust company.
3. An "eligible surety bond" payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100 percent of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed-upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims-paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The governing board shall approve the terms and conditions of the surety bond.

4. An “eligible letter of credit,” payable to the Town of Aurora as security for the payment of 140 percent of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed-upon interest, if any. An “eligible letter of credit” shall be an irrevocable letter of credit issued in favor of the Town of Aurora, for a term not to exceed 90 days, by a qualified bank (other than the bank where the secured money is deposited). A qualified bank is either one whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations (or, in the case of a bank which is the principal subsidiary of a holding company, whose holding company’s commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations) are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization, or one that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk-based capital requirements.
5. An “irrevocable letter of credit” issued in favor of the Town of Aurora by a federal home loan bank whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in the highest rating category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization, as security for the payment of 100 percent of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed-upon interest, if any.

#### IX. COLLATERALIZATION AND SAFEKEEPING

Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits made by officers of the Town of Aurora shall be held by (the depository or a third party) bank or trust company subject to security and custodial agreements.

The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities (or the pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities) are being pledged to secure such deposits together with agreed-upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection of such deposits upon a default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities (or pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities) held may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released and the events of default which will enable the local government to exercise its rights against the pledged securities.

In the event that the pledged securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the Town of Aurora, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment in blank to the Town of Aurora or the custodial bank or trust company. Whenever eligible securities delivered to the custodial bank or trust company are transferred by entries on the books of a federal reserve bank or other book-entry system operated by a federally regulated entity without physical delivery of the evidence of the obligations, then the records of the custodial bank or trust company shall be required to show, at all times, the interest of the local government in the securities (or the pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities) as set forth in the security agreement.

The custodial agreement shall provide that pledged securities (or the pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities) will be held by the custodial bank or trust company as agent of, and custodian for, the Town of Aurora, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not be commingled with or become part of the backing of any other deposit or other bank liability. The agreement shall also describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the collateral and it shall provide for the frequency of revaluation of collateral by the custodial bank or trust company and for the substitution of collateral when a change in the rating of a security causes ineligibility. The security and custodial agreements shall also include all other provisions necessary to provide the Town of Aurora with a perfected security interest in the eligible securities and to otherwise secure the local government’s interest in the collateral, and may contain other provisions that the governing board deems necessary.

#### X. PERMITTED INVESTMENTS

As provided by General Municipal Law Section 11, the Town Board of the Town of Aurora authorizes the Town Supervisor to invest moneys not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:

- Special time deposit accounts in, or certificates of deposit issued by, a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York;
- Through a Deposit Placement Program, certificates of deposit in one or more “banking institutions”, as defined in Banking Law Section 9-r;
- Obligations of the United States of America;
- Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America, where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America;



- Obligations of the State of New York;
- With the approval of the State Comptroller, obligations issued pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 24.00 or 25.00 (i.e., Tax Anticipation Notes and Revenue Anticipation Notes) by any municipality, school district or district corporation in the State of New York other than the Town of Aurora; and
- Obligations of the Town of Aurora, but only with moneys in a reserve fund established pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-c, 6-d, 6-e, 6-f, 6-g, 6-h, 6-j, 6-k, 6-l, 6-m, or 6-n.

All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town of Aurora within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the moneys were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable in any event at the option of the Town of Aurora within two years of the date of purchase. Time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit shall be payable within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for which the moneys were obtained, and shall be secured as provided in Sections VIII and IX herein.

Except as may otherwise be provided in a contract with bondholders or noteholders, any moneys of the Town of Aurora authorized to be invested may be commingled for investment purposes, provided that any investment of commingled moneys shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town of Aurora within such time as the proceeds shall be needed to meet expenditures for which such moneys were obtained, or as otherwise specifically provided in General Municipal Law Section 11. The separate identity of the sources of these funds shall be maintained at all times and income received shall be credited on a pro rata basis to the fund or account from which the moneys were invested.

Any obligation that provides for the adjustment of its interest rate on set dates is deemed to be payable or redeemable on the date on which the principal amount can be recovered through demand by the holder.

#### XI. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS

All financial institutions and dealers with which the Town of Aurora transacts business shall be creditworthy, and have an appropriate level of experience, capitalization, size and other factors that make the financial institution or the dealer capable and qualified to transact business with the Town of Aurora. The Town Supervisor shall evaluate the financial position and maintain a listing of proposed depositories, trading partners, and custodians. Recent Reports of Condition and Income (call reports) shall be obtained for proposed banks, and security dealers that are not affiliated with a bank shall be required to be classified as reporting dealers affiliated with the New York Federal Reserve Bank, as primary dealers. The Town of Aurora shall maintain a list of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amounts of investments that can be made with each financial institution or dealer.

#### XII. PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS

The Town Supervisor is authorized to contract for the purchase of investments:

1. Directly, from an authorized trading partner
2. By participation in a cooperative investment agreement with other authorized municipal corporations pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law and in accordance with Article 3-A of the General Municipal Law.

All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by such bank or trust company only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be confirmed in writing to the Town of Aurora by the bank or trust company.

Any obligation held in the custody of a bank or trust company shall be held pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law Section 10(3)(a). The agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent of, and custodian for, the Town of Aurora, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not be commingled with or become part of the backing of any other deposit or other bank liability. The agreement shall also describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to secure the

local government's perfected interest in the securities, and the agreement may also contain other provisions that the governing board deems necessary. The security and custodial agreements shall also include all other provisions necessary to provide the Town of Aurora with a perfected interest in the securities.

The Town Supervisor, where authorized, can direct the bank or trust company to register and hold the evidences of investments in the name of its nominee, or may deposit or authorize the bank or trust company to deposit, or arrange for the deposit of any such evidences of investments with a federal reserve bank or other book-entry transfer system operated by a federally regulated entity. The records of the bank or trust company shall show, at all times, the ownership of such evidences of investments, and they shall be, when held in the possession of the bank or trust company, at all times, kept separate from the assets of the bank or trust company. All evidences of investments delivered to a bank or trust company shall be held by the bank or trust company pursuant to a written custodial agreement as set forth in General Municipal Law Section 10(3)(a), and as described earlier in this section. When any such evidences of investments are so registered in the name of a nominee, the bank or trust company shall be absolutely liable for any loss occasioned by the acts of such nominee with respect to such evidences of investments.

**XIII. COURIER SERVICE**

The Town Supervisor may, subject to the approval of the governing board by resolution, enter into a contract with a courier service for the purpose of causing the deposit of public funds with a bank or trust company. The courier service shall be required to obtain a surety bond for the full amount entrusted to the courier, payable to the Town of Aurora and executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of New York, with a claims-paying ability that is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, to insure against any loss of public deposits entrusted to the courier service for deposit or failure to deposit the full amount entrusted to the courier service.

The Town of Aurora may agree with the depository bank or trust company that the bank or trust company will reimburse all or part of, but not more than, the actual cost incurred by the Town of Aurora in transporting items for deposit through a courier service. Any such reimbursement agreement shall apply only to a specified deposit transaction, and may be subject to such terms, conditions and limitations as the bank or trust company deems necessary to ensure sound banking practices, including, but not limited to, any terms, conditions or limitations that may be required by the Department of Financial Services or other federal or State authority.

**XIV. ANNUAL REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS**

The Town of Aurora shall review this investment policy annually, and it shall have the power to amend this policy at any time.

**XV. DEFINITIONS**

The terms "public funds," "public deposits," "bank," "trust company," "eligible securities," "eligible surety bond," and "eligible letter of credit" shall have the same meanings as set forth in General Municipal Law Section 10.

**Schedule A**

**Schedule of Eligible Securities for Collateralizing Deposits and Investments in Excess of FDIC Coverage (see Investment Policy, Section VIII)**

*[Note: This is not a list of Permitted Investments. Please see Investment Policy, Section X, for Permitted Investments. Moreover, this list is for the purposes of illustration only. Governing Boards, in the exercise of their prudent discretion, must determine which types of eligible securities, authorized by law, to list as permitted.]*

<b>"Eligible Securities" for Collateral</b>	For purposes of determining aggregate "market value", eligible securities shall be valued at these percentages of "market value":
(i) Obligations issued, or fully insured or guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest, by the United States of America, an agency thereof or a United States government sponsored corporation.	100%
(ii) Obligations issued or fully guaranteed by the international Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the African Development Bank	100%
(iii) obligations partially insured or guaranteed by any agency of the United States of America, at a proportion of the market value of the obligation that represents the amount of the insurance or guaranty.	100%

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(iv) Obligations issued or fully insured or guaranteed by the State of New York, obligations issued by a municipal corporation, school district or district corporation of this State or obligations of any public benefit corporation, which under a specific State statute may be accepted as security for deposit of public moneys.	100%
(v) Obligations issued by states (other than the State of New York) of the United States rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.	100% if rated in the highest category; 90% for 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest; 80% for 3 <sup>rd</sup> highest
(vi) Obligations of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.	100% if rated in the highest category; 90% for 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest; 80% for 3 <sup>rd</sup> highest
(vii) Obligations of counties, cities and other governmental entities of another state having the power to levy taxes that are backed by the full faith and credit of such governmental entity and rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.	100% if rated in the highest category; 90% for 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest; 80% for 3 <sup>rd</sup> highest
(viii) Obligations of domestic corporations rated in one of the two highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.	80%
(ix) Any mortgage-related securities, as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which may be purchased by banks under the limitations established by federal bank regulatory agencies.	70%
(x) Commercial paper and bankers' acceptances issued by a bank (other than the bank with which the money is being deposited or invested) rated in the highest short-term category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization and having maturities of not longer than 60 days from the date they are pledged.	80%
(xi) Zero-coupon obligations of the United States government marketed as "Treasury STRIPS."	80%

## PROCUREMENT POLICY

Adopted 1/17/2000 Action #2  
Amended 5/14/2001 Action #151  
Amended 5/10/2010 Action #179  
Amended 1/7/2013 Action #1  
Amended 1/8/2018 Action #1

**WHEREAS**, Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law requires every town to adopt internal policies and procedures governing all procurement of goods and services not subject to the bidding requirements of the General Municipal Law, Section 103 or any other law, and

**WHEREAS**, comments have been solicited from those officers of the Town involved with procurement:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Aurora does hereby adopt the following procurement policies and procedures:

### PURPOSE

Goods and services which are not required by law to be procured pursuant to competitive bidding must be procured in a manner so as to assure the prudent and economical use of public moneys, in the best interests of the taxpayers, to facilitate the acquisition of goods and services of maximum quality at the lowest possible cost under the circumstances, and to guard against favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud and corruption. To further these objectives, the Town Board is adopting internal policies and procedures governing all procurement of goods and services, which are not required to be made pursuant to the competitive bidding requirements of General Municipal Law, Section 103, or of any other general, special or local law.

### PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING BIDDING AND PROCUREMENT POLICY

Guideline 1. Every prospective purchase of goods or service shall be evaluated to determine the applicability of General Municipal Law Section 103. Every Town officer, board, department head or other personnel with the requisite purchasing authority (hereinafter called Purchaser) shall, if appropriate, estimate the cumulative amount of the items of supply or equipment needed in a given fiscal year. The information gathered and conclusions reached shall be documented and kept with the file or other documentation supporting the purchase activity.

Guideline 2. All purchases and public works requests (RFQ's) for bids or quotes of \$3000.00 or more, but less than \$20,000.00, may be solicited by the Purchaser without having prior Town

Board approval. The purchase of goods or services as a result of these RFQ's shall require Town Board approval and authorization prior to the Purchaser procuring the goods or services.

Guideline 3. All purchases of (a) supplies or equipment from a single individual or entity, which will equal or exceed \$20,000 in the fiscal year or (b) public works contract equal to or over \$35,000 shall be formally bid pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103.

Guideline 4 - 1. Purchases in the amounts as follows:

A. Under \$1,000 – At the discretion of the Purchaser, provided expense is shown within the current year budget allocation(s) and supported by written invoices and signed vouchers. Documented quotes are not required.

B. \$1,000 up to \$2,999 – Requires two (2) documented verbal quotes.

C. \$3,000 up to \$19,999 – Requires written request for quote (RFQ) and written/faxed quotes from at least three (3) vendors must be provided.

Guideline 4 – 2. Public Works contracts in the amounts as follows:

A. Under \$1,000 – At the discretion of the Purchaser, provided expense is shown within the current year budget allocation(s) and supported by written invoices and signed vouchers. Documented quotes are not required.

B. \$1,000 up to \$2,999 – Requires two (2) documented verbal quotes.

C. \$3,000 up to \$34,999 – Requires written request for quote (RFQ) and written/faxed quotes from at least three (3) contractors/vendors must be provided.

All information gathered in complying with the procedures of this Guideline shall be preserved and filed with the documentation supporting the subsequent purchase or public works contract.

Guideline 5. The lowest responsible proposal or quote shall be awarded the purchase or public works contract unless the Purchaser prepares written justification providing reasons why it is in the best interest of the Town and its taxpayers to make an award to other than the low bidder. If a bidder is not deemed responsible, facts supporting that judgment shall also be documented and filed with the record supporting the procurement. If prices bid or proposed in a quote or response to an RFP are not materially different the Town reserves the right to award any applicable contract to an individual or business residing or located within the Town.

Guideline 6. A good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations. If the Purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations, the Purchaser shall document the attempt made at obtaining the proposals. In no event shall the inability to obtain the proposals or quotes be a bar to the procurement.

Guideline 7. Sets forth the exceptions to the requirements of the Procurement Policy. Except when directed by the Town Board, no solicitation of written proposals or quotations shall be required under the following circumstances:

- a) Acquisition of professional services;
- b) Emergencies;
- c) Sole source situations;
- d) Goods purchased from agencies for the blind or severely handicapped;
- e) Goods purchased from correctional facilities;
- f) Goods purchased from another governmental agency;
- g) Goods purchased at auctions;
- h) Computer software;
- l) Purchases pursuant to state or county bid.

Under the above exceptions, any such purchase or public works contract shall be forwarded to the Town Board for approval and be described and documented as to the reason for its exception from these guidelines and procedures.

Guideline 8. This policy shall be deemed renewed annually by the Board at its organizational meeting unless otherwise determined by the Board.

Guideline 9. Any unintentional failure to fully comply with the provisions of General Municipal Law Section 104-b or the Town Board's policies and procedures shall not be grounds to void any action taken or given rise to a cause of action against the Town or any officer or employee thereof.

	DOCUMENTED VERBAL QUOTES			WRITTEN QUOTES		COMPETITIVE BIDDING	OTHER
	0	2	Less than 3	2	3 or More		
<b>PURCHASE CONTRACTS</b>							
Under \$1,000	X						
\$1,000 - \$2,999		X					
\$3,000 – \$19,999					X		
\$20,000 and over						X	
<b>PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS</b>							
Under \$1,000	X						
\$1,000 - \$2,000		X					
\$3,000 - \$34,999					X		
\$35,000 and over						X	
<b>EMERGENCIES (must be declared by Town Board)</b>							X
<b>INSURANCE</b>							X
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>							X

**Purchase contracts** involve the acquisition of commodities (Material, Supplies or equipment)

**Public works contracts** involve services, labor, or construction.

**Contracts that involves both goods and services:**

If a contract involves a substantial amount of services and the acquisition of commodities is only incidental to the work, it should be considered a contract for public work. If the services or labor is only minor or incidental to the acquisition of goods, it should be considered a purchase contract.

The above resolution setting forth the Town’s Purchasing Policies and Procedures and guidelines necessary to comply with New York General Municipal Law Section 104-b.

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**MEETING/SEMINAR ATTENDANCE APPROVAL POLICY**

**BE IT RESOLVED,**

**SECTION 1:**

That during the current year, Town department heads or officials, or their designees, whose expenses have been allowed in the current adopted Budget are hereby authorized to attend the regular luncheon/dinner meetings of the various official organizations relating to their official duties as Town department heads or officials noted below. The cost of such meals shall not exceed \$35.00 per luncheon or dinner. Necessary expenses (mileage and/or tolls) incurred in traveling to or from said are hereby determined a legitimate Town expense for which such officials shall be reimbursed.

- Town Board – Association of Erie County Governments
- Town Clerk – Erie County Town Clerks & Tax Collectors Association; Assoc. of Erie County Governments; NYS Archives Training Seminars
- Assessor – Erie County Assessor’s Association
- Highway Superintendent – Erie County Highway Superintendent’s Association
- Senior Center Director – Erie County Senior Center Director’s Assoc.
- Assessor – Erie County Assessor’s Association
- Building Department - NFBOA

**SECTION 2:**

That during the current year, the Town Assessor or his designee is hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Assessors' Association Annual Training School, Ithaca, NY (Reimbursed by NYS Office of Real Property Services)

- New York State Assessors' Association Conference

**SECTION 3:**

That during the current year, the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer or his designee is hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Building Officials Conference
- Niagara Frontier Building Officials Education Conference
- Stormwater Management Conference

**SECTION 4:**

That during the current year, the Court Clerks are hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Magistrates' Association of Court Clerks

**SECTION 5:**

That during the current year, the Town Justices are hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Magistrates' Association Conference

**SECTION 6:**

That during the current year the Highway Superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways Conference
- New York State Association of Towns Training School and Annual Meeting
- Cornell Local Roads Program For Highway Superintendents
- NYS American Water Works training

**SECTION 7:**

That during the current year, the Supervisor and Council Members are hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- Industrial Development conferences as necessary
- Association of Towns Training School
- Association of Towns Finance School
- Chamber of Commerce sponsored meetings and events

**SECTION 8:**

That during the current year, the Recreation Director is hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- NYS Parks and Recreation
- NYS Parks and Trails

**SECTION 9:**

That during the current year, the Town Clerk or her designee is hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Town Clerks' Association Annual Conference
- New York State Archives Seminars
- New York State Town Clerks' Regional Seminars
- New York Association of Tax Receivers and Collectors Annual Conference
- Erie County Town Clerks and Tax Collectors Association meetings

**SECTION 10:**

That the Planning Board Chairman and Planning Board Members (including alternates) be permitted to attend the following training and educational session with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Association of Towns Training School at Houghton, NY
- Erie County Department of Planning sponsored training schools
- NYS sponsored training schools

**SECTION 11:**

That the Zoning Board Chairman and Zoning Board Members (including alternates) be permitted to attend the following training and educational session with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Association of Towns Training School at Houghton, NY
- Erie County Department of Planning sponsored training school
- NYS sponsored training schools

**SECTION 12:**

That the Dog Control Officer be permitted to attend the following training and educational session with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- NYS Agriculture and Markets Animal Control Seminar

**SECTION 13:**

That the Town Historian be permitted to attend the following training and educational session with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- Government Appointed Historians of WNY Meeting/Conference

**SECTION 14:**

That the Bookkeeper (Assistant to Supervisor) and/or Secretary to the Supervisor be permitted to attend the following training and educational session with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- NYS Association of Towns Finance School

**SECTION 15:**

That the Director of the Aurora Senior Center be permitted to attend the following training and educational session with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- Network in Aging Seminar/Conference

**SECTION 16:**

That during the current year all Town officials and employees be and hereby are authorized to be paid \$0.50 per mile for the use of their personal automobiles on all Town business.

**SECTION 17:**

That all conferences, seminars, lectures and meetings not falling within a pattern of regular attendance and not listed in this resolution, and **not exceeding \$400.00** in reimbursable expenses, including mileage reimbursement, may be approved for attendance by the Supervisor pursuant to Section 77-b of the General Municipal Law. Conferences, seminars, lectures and meetings, not listed in this resolution, and/or **exceeding \$400.00** and/or **overnight travel in any amount** shall require the approval of the Town Board.

**SECTION 18:**

That all expenses incurred, including but not limited to meals, mileage, and lodging, will not exceed that amount which is budgeted in each departments' expense and travel and/or mileage lines for the current year's budget.

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Councilwoman Friess moved to adopt the 2020 Organizational Chart.	Action #1
Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:	2020 Org Chart
ayes – four	aprvd
noes – none	
Motion carried.	

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the minutes of the 12/23/19 meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Friess. Upon a vote being taken:	Action #2
ayes – four	12/23/19 mtg
noes – none	min. aprvd.
Motion carried.	

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit to 42 North Brewing Company/John Cimperman for use of the soccer field parking lot on the Town managed side of Knox Farm State Park on Saturday, February 22, 2020 for parking for attendees of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Brewski event being held at the park. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – three noes – none abstain – one (Councilwoman Friess is a member of the AIA which will be receiving proceeds from the Brewski event.) Motion carried.

Action #3  
Temporary use permit for use of KFSP soccer parking lot for Brewski event

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the 2020 Highway 284 (DA fund) Agreement and authorize the Town Board to sign the agreement. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #4  
Hwy 284 (DA fund) agreement aprvd

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the 2020 Highway 284 (DB fund) Agreement and authorize the Town Board to sign the agreement. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #5  
Hwy 284 (DB fund) agreement aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to designate Supervisor James J. Bach as the Town’s voting delegate at the February 19, 2020 Association of Towns of the State of New York Annual Business meeting in New York City. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #6  
J. Bach designated voter delegate at AOT mtg.

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the request from Code Enforcement Officer William Kramer to attend the State College and University Building Association Conference on March 24 – 26, 2020 at SUNY Fredonia, Central Ave., Fredonia, NY. The \$315 conference fee will be disbursed from A3620.404. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #7  
B. Kramer to attend building conference in Fredonia, NY

Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora (“Club”), whereby the Club will conduct programs set forth in exhibit A of the Agreement for the year 2020 and in consideration, the Town will pay the Club the sum of \$35,000.00. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #8  
Supv. auth to sign 2020 B&G Club agreement

Councilwoman Friess moved to accept a \$300 donation from the Southtown Needlenuts, to be deposited to TA1000.0090 Senior Center Donations, to be used toward the purchase of new computers for the computer lab. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes - four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #9  
\$300 donation for SrCtr accepted

Councilman Snyder moved to adopt the following resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Friess:

Be It Resolved, that the Aurora Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to apply for a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant for the Town to purchase equipment and supplies for the Town’s Records Management Program; and



Be It Further Resolved, that the Town Clerk may apply for this grant jointly with the Village of East Aurora for records management tools, equipment and supplies for the new shared building and shared records room.

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

Action #10  
Town Clerk  
auth to apply  
for records  
mgmt grant

Councilwoman Friess moved to appoint Sheryl Harris as Town of Aurora Dog Control Officer and David Thomason and Daniel Harris as Town of Aurora Assistant Dog Control Officers. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #11  
DCO and  
assistants  
appointed

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the following 2019 Budget transfer to prevent an overdrawn appropriation account:

From: A1320.401 Auditor Professional Services	\$900.00
To: A1320.404 Auditor Financial Services	\$900.00

Action #12  
2019 Budget  
transfer aprvd

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

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

- Town Clerk – December 2019 report
- Town Clerk – 2019 Annual report
- Town Clerk/Tax – December 2019 report
- Water Clerk – December 2019 report
- Building Department – December 2019 report
- Building Department – 2019 Annual report
- Senior Center – December 2019 report
- Dog Control – November 2019 report
- Dog Control – December 2019 report
- Work Requisitions – December 2019 report
- Supervisor – December 2019 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND LIAISONS:

Councilman Wochensky asked if the Town has an Environmental Committee for issues such as composting. Supervisor Bach replied the Town has a Conservation Committee. Councilwoman Friess stated that she and Councilman Snyder met with Susan Russell, Claudia Newton, Erie County DEP Deputy Commissioner Dan Castle and other County personnel regarding composting. Mrs. Friess stated the Town needs to start small with something like a drop-box for compostables. In 2022, a new law will go into effect for large food waste producers, but right now we are in a waiting game. Mrs. Friess noted that Dan Castle said we shouldn't put the cart before the horse and that the Town of Eden is having trouble working composting into their zoning code.

Councilman Snyder wished everyone a Happy New Year and said he looks forward to working with Councilman Wochensky.

AUDIENCE II:

Tony Rosati, Oakwood Ave., spoke about the recent wind storm and asked if the Town could contact NYSEG to do more with regard to trimming trees away from electric wires. Councilman Snyder and Highway Superintendent Gunner noted that NYSEG is and has been trimming trees on Town roads. Mr. Gunner stated most issues are on County roads.

STAFF REPORTS:

Police Chief Krieger stated that the FT Dispatcher they had planned on hiring declined the position. They will continue to look for someone to fill the position.

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated he sent an email to the Town Board regarding ice jamming on Tannery Brook and possible stream bank rehabilitation when the Whaley Avenue bridge is replaced.

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PROCLAMATION

Supervisor Bach read the following Proclamation commending James Whitcomb for his service on the Zoning Board of Appeals:

**WHEREAS**, *James W. Whitcomb was first appointed to the Town of Aurora's Zoning Board of Appeals in 1995;*

**WHEREAS**, *he served as chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for nine of those years, in 2003, and from 2012-2019; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the volunteer duties of the Zoning Board of Appeals members and its chairman require a great deal of deliberation, research, interpretation and oftentimes difficult decision-making;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** *that the Aurora Town Board, on behalf of the residents of the Town of Aurora, thanks and commends James W. Whitcomb for his 25 years of service on the Zoning Board of Appeals and wishes him well as he retires from the board.*

*Signed and entered into the record  
of the Aurora Town Board  
on this Thirteenth Day of January,  
in the Year Two-Thousand Twenty*

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Mr. Whitcomb thanked Supervisor Bach and the Town Board, noting that he enjoyed working with the Zoning Board all these years and that since joining the ZBA there have been six Town Supervisors.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The 2019 Encumbered Abstract of Claims dated January 13, 2020, consisting of vouchers numbered 1746 to 1798, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$13,251.89
Highway	35,832.22
Capital/AMC	15,345.71
Capital/VEA bridges	25,065.10
Special Districts	<u>788.13</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 90,283.05

The 2020 Abstract of Claims dated January 13, 2020, consisting of vouchers numbered 1 to 50 was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 52,676.97
Highway	<u>219,469.12</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$272,146.09

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the 1/13/20 - 2019 Encumbered and 1/13/2020 Abstracts of Claims, and authorize payment of same. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #13  
1/13/2020 -  
2019 Enc. &  
1/13/2020  
Abstracts of  
Claims  
approved.

Councilman Snyder moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Wochensky. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #14  
Meeting  
adjourned

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk