

May 26, 2020

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Due to the coronavirus/Covid19 pandemic, tonight's meeting was live-streamed via Zoom and YouTube in accordance with NYS Executive Order 202.1 – *Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or similar service: Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such action authorized by the law without permitting public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.*

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| Members in attendance: (via Zoom) | Jolene M. Jeffe Susan A. Friess Charles D. Snyder Luke Wochensky James J. Bach | Councilwoman Councilwoman Councilman Councilman Supervisor |
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Absent/Excused: none

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| Others in attendance: (via Zoom or phone) | Ronald Bennett Martha Librock Christopher Musshafen Donna Bodekor William Kramer Tony Rosati Shane Krieger | Town Attorney Town Clerk Recreation/Aquatics Director Senior Center Director Code Enforcement Officer Zoning Board member Chief of Police |
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Supervisor Bach opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Bach noted that Stacy Bastian from Absolute (nursing home) was joining tonight's meeting to talk about the Covid19 situation at the nursing home in the Village of East Aurora. Ms. Bastian stated that they currently have fifteen active cases of Covid19 at the Main Street location. One hundred three persons have recovered and there are fifteen employees currently out sick with the virus. Ms. Bastian noted a significant slow-down of the spread of the virus at this 320-bed facility. Councilwoman Friess asked if they were getting what was needed from the State and/or County. Ms. Bastian responded, yes, but they never had a shortage of PPE supplies at this facility. The Board thanked Ms. Bastian for providing this information.

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| Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020 Town Board meeting; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none | Motion carried. | Action #138 5/11/20 mtg min aprvd |
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AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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| Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve payment no. 9 to Greater Niagara Mechanical, Inc., 7311 Ward Road, N. Tonawanda, NY, in the amount of \$17,223.50 for work performed at the Aurora Municipal Center through April 30, 2020. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none | Motion carried. | Action #139 Pynt 9 to Gr Niag for AMC aprvd |
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| Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve payment no. 12 to Industrial Power & Lighting, 60 Depot Street, Buffalo, in the amount of \$54,598.06 for work performed at the Aurora Municipal Center through April 30, 2020. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none | Motion carried. | Action #140 Pynt 12 to IPL for AMC aprvd |
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Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve payment no. 9 to Mollenberg-Betz, Inc., 300 Scott Street, Buffalo, in the amount of \$22,599.00 for work performed at the Aurora Municipal Center through April 30, 2020. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #141
Pymt 9 to
Mollenberg
for AMC
aprvd

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve payment no.12 to Telco Construction, Inc., 500 Buffalo Road, E. Aurora, in the amount of \$188,309.07 for work performed at the Aurora Municipal Center through April 30, 2020. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #142
Pymt 12 to
Telco for
AMC aprvd

One bid for the Whaley Avenue box culvert was received on May 22, 2020 from Kistner Concrete Products, Inc. in the amount of \$107,066.00. According to Gerard Sentz of Foit Albert Associates, engineers for the project, the bid meets specifications.

Councilwoman Friess moved to accept the bid from Kistner Concrete Products, Inc., 5550 Hinman Road, Lockport, NY 14094, in the amount of \$107,066.00 for a precast concrete box culvert for the Whaley Avenue bridge project. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #143
Bid from
Kistner for
Whaley box
culvert
accepted

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to amend the agenda to add item 6H – RFP for workstation relocation. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes - five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #144
Item 6H –
RFP added to
agenda

Councilman Snyder moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2019 MS4 Annual Stormwater Report that will be forwarded to the NYS DEC MS4 Permit Coordinator. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #145
Supv auth to
sign 2019
Stormwater
report

Councilman Snyder moved approve the following dental and vision insurance coverage rates (which remain the same as the 2019-2020 rates)for the 2020-2021 coverage year which begins 7/1/20:

Dental: \$57.08/mo. single coverage; \$154.86/mo. family coverage
Vision: \$10.45/mo. single coverage; \$22.52/mo. family coverage
Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #146
Dental &
vision
insurance
rates aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the close out of Capital project H9 – Pool/Garage/Vehicles, that was completed and zeroed out in 2017. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #147
Capital proj
H9 closeout
aprvd

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to table Agenda Items 6D – Request to hire S. King and 6E – Transfer of stipend, until such time that the Board has more information on the staffing level at the Highway Department and who, if anyone, he would be replacing. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #148
Agenda items
6D & 6E
tabled for
more info

Councilman Snyder moved to approve, and authorize the Supervisor to sign, Change Order No. 19 from Telco Construction to add Storage Room 151 in the Village area of the Aurora Municipal Center. Material and labor - \$4,340.00. The Village will pay for this change order per C. Thomas, Village Administrator.

Action #149
Telco CO 19
aprvd – VEA
store room at
AMC

- Original Contract \$3,677,000.00
- Net change by previous change order(s) 300,450.00
- Contract sum prior to this change order 3,977,450.00
- Amount of this change order (No. 19) 4,340.00
- New contract sum including this change order \$3,981,790.00

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

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve, and authorize the Supervisor to sign, Change Order No. 20 from Telco Construction to add a work counter in IT Room 132 at the Aurora Municipal Center. Material and labor - \$804.00.

Action #150
Telco CO 20
aprvd – IT
room counter
at AMC

- Original Contract \$3,677,000.00
- Net change by previous change order(s) 304,790.00
- Contract sum prior to this change order 3,981,790.00
- Amount of this change order (No. 20) 804.00
- New contract sum including this change order \$3,982,594.00

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

Councilman Snyder moved to approve, and authorize the Supervisor to sign, Change Order No. 4 from Mollenberg-Betz Inc. to extend the existing fire department connection and existing hose bib to be flush with the new façade on the King Street side of the Senior Center. Material and labor - \$1,713.00.

Action #151
Mollenberg
CO 4 aprvd –
FD connect
& hose bib
extension at
SrCtr/AMC

- Original Contract \$492,000.00
- Net change by previous change order(s) -5,692.00
- Contract sum prior to this change order 486,308.00
- Amount of this change order (No. 4) 1,713.00
- New contract sum including this change order \$488,021.00

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

Councilwoman Friess moved to set Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Aurora Town Clerk's office, 300 Glead Ave., East Aurora, NY, as the date, time and place for a bid (RFP) opening for the workstation relocation of Town Hall office furniture from 300 Glead to the new Aurora Municipal Center. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #152
Bid opening
for office
furniture
relocation set

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

- Work Requisitions – April 2020 report
- EAPF – April 2020 report
- Dog Control – April 2020 report
- Supervisor – April 2020 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND LIAISONS:

Councilwoman Friess noted that with all the changes in the field of solar energy, the Planning Board should be asked to revisit the Town’s solar code to see if it is up-to-date.

Councilman Wochensky stated that Nancy Smith will be stepping down as Chair of the Town’s Open Space Committee and we should begin to look for someone to replace her. Councilwoman Jeffe noted that the members of that Committee usually are on top of things like this and that she would get in touch with Nancy Smith and/or Kathy Lasher from the Committee. Councilman Wochensky noted that “environmental conservation” should be included with the Open Space Committee.

Supervisor Bach asked the Board what they thought about re-opening the Mill Road overlook. Councilman Snyder responded he saw that motorcycles and cars are going around the barrier onto the site.

Councilwoman Jeffe noted that cars are parking along the shoulders of Mill Road near the overlook and that it is not a safe condition.

Councilman Wochensky suggested signs saying “stay in cars”, “social distance”, etc.

AUDIENCE II:

Tony Rosati, Oakwood Ave., asked if the Town had received any complaints or concerns about overuse of the sewer treatment plant. Councilwoman Friess, who sits on the Erie County Sewer Authority Board for this area, stated she had not heard of anything.

STAFF REPORTS:

Donna Bodekor, Senior Center, stated they have already handed out approximately 2,000 of the facemasks that were provided by Erie County. They will also be distributing bags containing masks, gloves, and thermometers provided by Erie County Senior Services. Ms. Bodekor also noted that the loan closet for wheelchairs, walkers, etc., is still open.

Chris Musshafen stated recreation activities and programs are mostly in Phase 4 of the Governor’s reopening plan. Mr. Musshafen noted he is considering the use of Zoom for some recreation programs such as cartooning and Zumba.

Bill Kramer noted that the Building Department is very busy now that construction in Erie County has resumed.

Police Chief Krieger stated that clean-up from the train derailment went very well.

Councilman Wochensky stated that “Red Alert” would have been a great program to have in the instance of the train derailment. Chief Krieger stated it is a great tool, but not practical at times. Supervisor Bach noted that the supervisor or mayor usually put out the alerts and that they are not always emergency alerts – they can be any public service alert, announcement or notification.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The May 26, 2020 Abstract of Claims consisting of vouchers numbered 548 to 586; and P-Card voucher 587, were presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

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| General | \$ 63,018.91 |
| Highway | 22,631.46 |
| Capital/H5 | 284,729.63 |
| Capital/H7 | 431.50 |
| Special Districts | <u>123,769.12</u> |
| Grand Total Abstract | \$ 494,580.62 |

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the May 26, 2020 Abstract of Claims and authorize payment of same. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #153
5/26/20
abstract aprvd

Councilwoman Friess moved to enter into executive session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss 1) a particular employee and 2) the ambulance contract, with no action being taken during the session. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #154
Board enters
exec sess

(Councilman Snyder noted that he would be recusing himself from the employee discussion during executive session, but would participate in the ambulance contract discussion.)

Action #155
Board comes
out of exec
sess

Councilwoman Friess moved to come out of executive session at 8:39 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Bach. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #156
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk

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