

June 22, 2020

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7:10 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, New York. Although this meeting was held “in-person”, due to the coronavirus/Covid19 pandemic, it was also 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.*

Present:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Liz Deveso	Highway Secretary
	Kathleen Moffat	Secy. to Supervisor/Bookkeeper
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	Tony Rosati	Zoning Board Member
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Chris Musshafen	Recreation/Aquatics Director

Supervisor Bach opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Carl Widmer, Partner at Drescher & Malecki, LLP – auditors for the Town, spoke to the Board about the 2019 FY audit that was performed by his company. Mr. Widmer stated there were no reportable findings in their Management Letter. A risk assessed based audit was performed and a clean opinion issued by the auditors. Mr. Widmer stated that this is the 19th year in a row that the Town received a CAFR award.

Mr. Widmer discussed the Water, Highway, Part Town and General funds, noting that all had healthy fund balances, anything over 30% is considered healthy. He also noted that the Highway and Part Town funds rely heavily on sales tax revenue. Mr. Widmer noted that in 2020 the NYS Association of Counties is reporting a sales tax loss of over 23% at this time due to the Covid19 pandemic. Councilwoman Friess stated that sales tax revenue will be a challenge when preparing next year’s budget.

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2020 Town Board worksession and meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Jeffe. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.	Action #175 6/8/20 mtg min aprvd
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AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Snyder moved to award the Workstation Relocation bid to Millington Lockwood, 3901 Genesee St., Suite 800, Buffalo, NY 14225, in the amount of \$5,000 to relocate the Town office workstations from 300 Gleed Avenue to the new Town Hall at 575 Oakwood Avenue. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.	Action #176 Millington Lockwood awarded work station bid
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Councilwoman Friess moved to approve payment no. 10 to Greater Niagara Mechanical, Inc., 7311 Ward Road, N. Tonawanda, NY, in the amount of \$30,476.00 for work performed at the Aurora Municipal Center through May 31, 2020. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #177
 Pymt 10 to
 GNM for
 AMC proj
 aprvd

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve payment no. 13 to Industrial Power & Lighting, 60 Depot Street, Buffalo, in the amount of \$95,313.93 for work performed at the Aurora Municipal Center through May 31, 2020. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #178
 Pymt 13 to
 IPL for AMC
 proj aprvd

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve payment no.13 to Telco Construction, Inc., 500 Buffalo Road, E. Aurora, in the amount of \$242,939.49 for work performed at the Aurora Municipal Center through May 31, 2020. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #179
 Pymt 13 to
 Telco for
 AMC proj
 aprvd

Councilman Friess moved to approve payment no. 1 to Kiercom Communications, Inc., 11460 Tomarsue Dr., Marilla, NY 14201 for cabling materials on site at the Aurora Municipal Center. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes - none Motion carried.

Action #180
 Pymt 1 to
 Kiercom for
 AMC proj
 aprvd

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Snyder moved to amend the agenda by adding Item 6G – stake survey corners at 113 King Street. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four abstain – one (Jeffe) noes – none Motion carried.

Action #181
 Item 6G –
 113 King
 survey stake
 added to
 agenda

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Town Wreckers Swim Team (TWST) from Orchard Park, NY allowing TWST to use Community Pool for swim practices from July 6, 2020 through August 21, 2020, at a rate of \$187.50 per day of use. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #182
 Supv auth to
 sign
 agreement
 with TWST
 for pool use

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the hiring of the following persons as 2020 seasonal pool personnel and 2020 seasonal playground/day camp/special programs personnel at the following rates, (orientation date will be considered first day worked):

2020 PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS – POOL/EAST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Civil Service Title</u>	<u>Rate/hr.</u>
Daniel Schweikard	1854 Reading Rd., WF	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$14.25
Kevin Murnock**	1997 Lapham Rd., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$14.00
Yana Ray*	848 Center St., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$13.10/13.35/13.25
Calvin Roberts*	525 South St., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$13.10/13.25
Emily Krieger	113 Church St., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.85
Sarah Boyle ^	19 Ridge Trail, Glenwood	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.60
Parker Brod	1465 Boies Rd., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.60

Finn Cosgrove	893 Main St., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.60
Chad Egloff	990 Center St., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.60
Trevor Egloff	986 Center St., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.60
Josey Slater	60 Ruskin Rd., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.60
Cate Vanner	1240 Luther Rd., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.60
Ella Brophy	13 Victoria Hgts., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.35
Charles Cich	428 Fillmore Ave., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.35
Will Herr	1754 Grover Rd., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.35
Jayson Kitson	1765 Davis Rd., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.35
Grace Kwitek	1289 Center St., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.35
Dean Rignel	836 Main St., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.35
Charles Wangelin	23 Glenridge Rd., EA	Lifeguard PT Seasonal	\$12.35

* Will be paid regular rate when lifeguarding and head guard rate when acting as head lifeguard.

** Will be paid coaching rate of \$12.90/hr. when coaching for EAST

^ Non-resident

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Civil Service Title</u>	<u>Rate/hr.</u>
Frank Nigro	104 Maple Rd., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$13.50
Molly Tent	464 Knox Rd., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$13.25
Dylan Fee	54 Castle Hill Rd., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$11.90
Oliver Biggs	780 Warren Dr., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$12.75
Ellie George	201 South Grove St., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$12.50
Nick Montgomery^	43 First Ave., Franklinville	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$12.75
Minh Hyman	323 Maple St., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$12.50
Kaela Guest	1716 N. Davis Rd., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$12.25
Jordyn Mucklewee	267 Greenwood Ct., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$12.00
Ryan Krum	157 Elmwood Ave., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$12.00
Audrey Biggs	780 Warren Dr., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$12.00
Henry McLaughlin	1740 Emery Rd., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$12.00
Madeline Wasner	716 Crescent Ave., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$12.05
Gabriel D'Angelo^	7976 Ellicott Rd., WF	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$11.80
Dominic Phillips^	191 S. Ostrander, EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$11.80
Abby Siener	4 Reed Hill Dr., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$11.80
Paige Siener	4 Reed Hill Dr., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$11.80
Alissa Dixon	148 Blake Hill Rd., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$12.25
Meghan Tent	464 Knox Rd., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$13.75
Kathy Aures	533 Snyder Rd, EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$12.65
Michele Bedard	1414 Emery Rd., EA	Rec. Attendant PT Seasonal	\$12.65

^ Non-resident

Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #183
Seasonal lifeguards & rec attendants aprvd

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve a ten-hour, four-day workweek for highway employees from July 6 to September 4, 2020.
Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #184
Hwy 4day 10hr work week aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to declare the following computers and monitors as surplus inventory with the hard drives to be removed and destroyed and the remainder of the equipment to be recycled during the Highway Department's fall recycling event:

- Dell Optiplex 760 & monitor TOA ID#2181
- Dell Optiplex 760 & monitor TOA ID#1976

- Dell Optiplex 760 & monitor TOA ID#2933
- Dell Optiplex 760 TOA ID#2352
- Dell Optiplex 780 TOA ID#1999

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

Action #185
Computers &
monitors –
surplus
inventory

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the following budget amendments:

- 1) to record the use of contingent funds for the purchase deposit for 113 King
 - Decrease A1990 Contingent Account by \$1,000
 - Increase A1420.401 Law – Office Expense by \$1,000
- 2) to record the use of fund balance for the balance due to purchase 113 King
 - Decrease A599 Fund Balance by \$139,757.80
 - Increase A8660 Acquisition of Real Property by \$139,757.80

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

Action #186
Budget amend
for 113 King
St purchase
aprvd

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to set Thursday, July 9, 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 to hold a bid opening for the demolition of 113 King Street, East Aurora, NY, a Town owned property in the Village of East Aurora. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #187
113 King St
demo bid
opening set for
7/9/2020

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the quote from Nussbaumer Clarke to stake the property corners and several locations along the south line of the property at 113 King Street, E. Aurora, NY for a fee of \$675.00. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – four abstain – one (Jeffe) noes – none Motion carried.

Action #188
Quote from
NC aprvd for
property
staking at 113
King

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

- Senior Center – May 2020 report
- Recreation – May 2020 report
- Dog Control – May 2020 report
- Work Requisitions – May 2020 report
- Train Derailment Incident Report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND LIAISONS:

Councilwoman Jeffe stated a resident contacted her regarding the clearing of property on Davis Road behind Weber's Garden Center. Bill Kramer responded that he met with the property owner and discussed the situation. Mr. Kramer noted that the Army Corp of Engineers will be visiting the site, as there are Federal wetlands at that location. Councilman Wochensky asked if the individual had access from Davis Road to the property. Mr. Kramer responded, not now, but will in the future.

Councilman Wochensky noted that the Open Space Committee is still looking for a chairperson.

Councilwoman Friess stated that the Erie County Sewer Board of Managers started work on their 2021 budget, noting that rates stayed flat.

Councilman Snyder stated the Aurora Municipal Center is coming along nicely. Councilman Wochensky asked who was responsible for the sidewalk in front of the building. Councilman Snyder responded the Village and Oakwood contractor are responsible.

Supervisor Bach stated he received a copy of the incident report on the recent train derailment that occurred in the Village and extended to the Town.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Donna Bodekor, Senior Center, stated she and Senior Center staff are looking to open the Center August 24th and are currently working on a reopening plan. Supervisor Bach advised that they should not commit to a reopening date yet.

Councilman Wochensky asked how it was to work with the Erie County Board of Elections for early voting. Ms. Bodekor responded they are usually pretty good to work with and asked if the Town Board would consider having early voting in the new building next year.

Tony Rosati stated the Zoning Board of Appeals would be meeting two evenings this week after not being able to meet for three months.

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated NYSEG will compensate the Town for rock placement near the Whaley Bridge project. Mr. Gunner also spoke about a serious accident on Behm Road near the former rail road track crossing, noting that it is an Erie County road, but the West Falls Fire Department may be coming to the Town Board to find out how to fix the situation that basically results in a ramp where the rail crossing was that sends vehicles out of control. Police Chief Krieger stated that there are many accidents caused by the “ramp” on Behm Road. He noted that there is a sign that says “bump”, but it is more than a bump in the road.

Supervisor Bach stated he will contact Erie County Legislator Lorigo about the Behm Road situation.

Bill Kramer stated his department is issuing a lot of building permits.

Chris Musshafen stated that registration for recreation programs started today and programs are filling up.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The June 22, 2020 Abstract of Claims consisting of vouchers numbered 654 to 713; and PCard voucher 714, were presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 117,138.05
Part Town	277.40
Highway (DA)	43.97
Highway (DB)	31,670.33
Capital/H5	380,945.42
Capital/H7	1,531.34
Special Districts	<u>57,266.46</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$588,872.97

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve the June 22, 2020 Abstract of Claims and authorize payment of same. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #189
6/22/20
abstract aprvd

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #190
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk