

November 9, 2020

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, New York.

Present:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Asst. Code Enforcement Officer
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	Tony Rosati	Zoning Board Member
	Kathleen Moffat	Bookkeeper/Asst. to Supervisor
	Joseph Wetzell	Engineer/GHD
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police

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.*

Supervisor Bach opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The first item on the agenda was a PUBLIC HEARING on a proposed local law regarding Cyber Security. The notice of public hearing was published in the East Aurora Advertiser, posted on the Town Clerk’s bulletin board and posted on the Town website.

Supervisor Bach opened the hearing at 7:02 p.m. and asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment. Hearing no one, Mr. Bach closed the hearing at 7:03 p.m.

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Supervisor Bach gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2021 Operating Budget for the Town of Aurora. The Supervisor noted changes for the following funds:

General Fund- Townwide (A)	Increase \$0.16 per \$1,000 a.v.
General Fund – Outside Village (B)	Decrease \$0.01 per \$1,000 a.v.
Highway Fund – Townwide (DA)	Increase \$0.06 per \$1,000 a.v.
Highway Fund – Outside Village (DB)	Increase \$0.03 per \$1,000 a.v.

Mr. Bach stated that the Town is anticipating revenue reductions in 2021 for sales tax, AIM related payments and interest income. He noted that due to Covid-19 and reduced revenues, the Town adopted a tax cap override for the first time since the tax cap was initiated.

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Councilman Snyder moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 Town Board worksession and meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Jeffe. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four	noes – none	Motion carried.	Action #360 10/26/2020 minutes aprvd
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AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to adopt the 2021 Operating Budget for the Town of Aurora. Seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #361
 2021 Town
 Operating
 Budget
 adopted

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve and adopt the following Resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Jeffe:

WHEREAS, American Grille on Seneca 2 Inc. submitted a Notice of Intent to file a new application for an On-premises Alcoholic Beverage License for “liquor, wine, beer & cider” to be sold at 7901 Seneca Street, PO East Aurora, Town of Aurora, New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Alcohol and Beverage Control Law Section 110-b, Subdivision 1(b), the Town has been notified of their intent to file an application for a liquor license renewal with the New York State Liquor Authority; and

WHEREAS, a thirty (30) day hold before said application can be filed is mandated by New York Alcohol and Beverage Control Law, however, this time period may be waived by the municipality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Aurora Town Board hereby authorizes the waiver of the thirty (30) day advance notice of American Grille on Seneca 2 intent to apply for a liquor license; and

Action #362
 Board waives
 30-day liquor
 license
 notification for
 American
 Grille/Jay
 Macaluso

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify Joseph Macaluso, President of American Grille 2; David Diziak, attorney for the applicant; and the New York State Liquor Authority indicating that the Town of Aurora has no objections to the application of American Grill on Seneca 2 and hereby waives the thirty (30) day notification period.

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

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve the 2021 health insurance benefits premiums from Blue Cross Blue Shield offered to eligible Town employees:

Action #363
 Health ins
 plans for 2021
 aprvd

<u>Silver POS 8100</u>		<u>Platinum POS Plus</u>	
Single	\$425.21/mo.	Single	\$613.05/mo.
Double	\$850.42/mo.	Double	\$1,226.10/mo.
Employee (children)	\$722.86/mo.	Employee (children)	\$1,042.19/mo.
Family	\$1,211.85/mo.	Family	\$1,747.65/mo.

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

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the quote from Kiercom Communications, Inc. to provide and install five cat5e cables at a cost of \$800 (\$160 per cable) to various locations in the Aurora Senior Center to accommodate the new phones being installed at the Center. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #364
Quote for
SrCtr phone
cable install
aprvd

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve a new two-year term (2021-2022) with Comp Alliance for workers compensation insurance with a contribution rate of \$74,378 per year and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Member Participation Agreement reflecting the new term and contribution amounts. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #365
Workers comp
revised
agreement
aprvd – Supv
auth to sign

Councilman Wochensky moved to change Jennifer Calkins Civil Service title from Seasonal Clerk PT to Clerk PT effective November 2, 2020. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #366
J. Calkins
Civil Svc title
changed to
ClerkPT

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

- Town Clerk/Tax – October 2020 report
- Water Clerk – October 2020 report
- Town Clerk – October 2020 report
- Senior Center – October 2020 report
- Work Requisitions – September and October 2020 reports
- Dog Control – September and October 2020 reports
- Supervisor – October 2020 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND LIAISONS:

Councilman Snyder thanked those who had a hand in the construction of the new Aurora Municipal Center. He extended thanks to: Don Aubrecht, Paul Ernst, William Heidt and Eleanor Asquith from Fontanese Folts Aubrecht Ernst Architects; Trish Bailey; Clerk of the Works Bryan Smith; Town Clerk Martha Librock; the current Town Board and the prior Town Board; the Village Board; all the contractors, including but not limited to Telco, Greater Niagara, Mollenberg-Betz, Industrial Power & Lighting; and he extended a special thanks to Ben Calteaux from Telco who went above and beyond to help see that the project was successful.

Councilwoman Jeffe stated she went through the Glead Avenue renovation and thanked Councilman Snyder for taking on all the work he did for the Aurora Municipal Center project. Mrs. Jeffe stated she also met with Frank Cerny and saw where the ROC has staked out the location of their proposed building on the Olean Road property.

Councilman Wochensky stated the West Falls Library-Community Center will host an event on November 24, 2020 for West Falls residents and businesses to come to talk about creating a West Falls Advisory Committee.

Mr. Wochensky noted that while there has been a spike in Covid cases, Zoom is still available and the meetings will be posted to YouTube.

Supervisor Bach stated that one of the biggest accomplishments pertaining to the new Aurora Municipal Center is that the Village and Town offices are now in the same building. He thanked the Village Mayor and Trustees for working with the Town in making this happen.

Mr. Bach also noted, with regret, that due to the new Covid restrictions set in place today, the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Aurora Municipal Center, originally scheduled for November 14, 2020, has been postponed. A new date will be chosen once the Covid situation improves.

Supervisor Bach stated that earlier this evening he had a conference call with County Executive Mark Poloncarz and other Town Supervisors regarding the “yellow zone” that some Erie County towns are in due to an upswing in Covid-19 cases. Being in the “yellow zone” means that there will be new and/or modified Covid restrictions. Mr. Bach stated that he was informed by Mr. Poloncarz that the building department and the police are supposed to enforce the restrictions.

AUDIENCE II:

Tony Rosati, Oakwood Ave., thanked Donna Bodekor and the other Senior Center employees for all the work they did during the early voting at the Center.

STAFF REPORTS:

Elizabeth Cassidy stated that activity has not slowed down in the Building Department.

Donna Bodekor thanked the Board for refurbishing the exterior of the Senior Center and stated the new parking lot is wonderful. Ms. Bodekor noted that everyone at the Senior Center has to have a mask on at all times; they are taking everyone’s temperature and keeping contract tracing sheets. She stated they do not want to have to shut down again.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The November 9, 2020 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers numbered 1264 to 1333 was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 10,320.47
Highway (DB)	2,737.71
Capital/H7	54,127.89
Special Districts	<u>2,661.88</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 69,847.95

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the November 9, 2020 Abstracts of Claims and authorize payment of same. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – three noes – none Motion carried.

Action #367
11/9/20
abstract aprvd

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.; seconded by Councilwoman Friess. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – three
noes – none Motion carried.

Action #368
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk