

January 25, 2021

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, January 25, 2021 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.*

Members in attendance: (via Zoom)	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor

Others in attendance: (via Zoom or phone)	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Martha Librock	Town Clerk
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Jeffrey Markello	Town Justice
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Asst. Code Enforcement Officer
	Joseph Wetzel	Engineer/GHD
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
Tony Rosati	ZBA member	

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

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve the minutes of the 1/11/2021 meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Friess. Upon a vote being taken: eyes – five noes – none	Motion carried.	Action #15 1/11/21 mtg min. aprvd.
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AUDIENCE I:

Donna Jaworski, Olean Road, spoke about the rezoning of 730 Olean and ROC and asked for an update. Councilman Snyder stated that he and Councilwoman Friess met with ROC representatives after the public hearing and the Town Board is continuing to look at the situation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Snyder moved to reappoint Robert Puntillo to the Board of Assessment Review for the term October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: eyes – five noes – none	Motion carried.	Action #16 R. Puntillo reappointed to BAR thru 9/30/2025
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Councilwoman Jeffe moved to accept the resignations of Jerrold Thompson and Jay Marshall from the Board of Assessment Review effective immediately. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: eyes – five noes – none	Motion carried.	Action #17 Resignation of J.Thompson & J.Marshall from BAR accepted
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Councilwoman Jeffe moved to appoint Julie Mazurkiewicz, Temple Place, East Aurora, to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the unexpired term of Jay Marshall – term ending September 30, 2022. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: eyes – five noes – none	Motion carried.	Action #18 J. Mazurkiewicz appointed to BAR thru 9/20/2022
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Councilman Snyder moved to appoint Robert Ruffner, Brooklea Drive, East Aurora, to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the unexpired term of Jerrold Thompson – term ending September 30, 2023. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #19
R. Ruffner
appointed to
BAR thru
9/30/2023

Councilwoman Friess moved to appoint Elizabeth Wilber, Byeberry Court, East Aurora, as Secretary to the Supervisor effective January 27, 2021 through December 31, 2021, at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #20
E. Wilber
appointed Secy
to Supv thru
12/31/21

Councilman Snyder moved to approve instating a \$25.00 quarterly Operations and Maintenance (O&M) fee on water bills for Mitchell Road, Hickory Lane, Mary Jane Lane, South Herrick Road and those parcels served off of Center Street, beginning with the first quarter bills in 2021. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #21
\$25 O&M fee
to be added to
water bills for
TOA served
customers

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve the following 2020 budget transfer to prevent an overdrawn appropriation account:
From: DB9060.800 Hwy hospital/medical insurance \$1,950.00
To: DB5110.109 Hwy medical insurance reimb \$1,950.00
Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #22
2020 Hwy
budget transfer
aprvd

Councilman Snyder moved to forward the rezoning application submitted by Gary J. Dellaneve for a vacant lot located on the west side of Davis Road between Mill and Tannery Roads (SBL# 199.01-1-5.25) to the Planning Board for review and recommendation. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes - none Motion carried.

Action #23
Rezoning
application for
Davis Rd VL
sent to Planning
Board

During discussion, Councilwoman Friess stated this is spot zoning, but it should be sent to the Planning Board to see what they think. Councilman Wochensky stated it is out of character to rezone this.

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the service agreement with Great Lakes Building Systems for fire system and sprinkler monitoring and inspections for the Aurora Municipal Center and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #24
Svc agreement
w/ Great Lakes
for fire system,
monitoring, etc
aprvd. Supv to
sign

Councilman Wochensky moved to designate James J. Bach, Supervisor, as voting delegate for the Town of Aurora at the 2021 Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns of the State of New York to be held virtually the week of February 15, 2021. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #25
J. Bach voting
delegate to
2021 AOT
business mtg

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

- Town Historian – 2020 Annual report
- Town Clerk/Tax – Annual report
- Town Clerk/Tax – December 2020 report
- Building Department – December 2020 report
- Recreation – December 2020 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND LIAISONS:

Councilwoman Jeffe stated she, Councilman Wochensky and Town Clerk Librock met to review the Special Event Code. Mrs. Jeffe also noted that Nancy Smith from the WNY Land Conservancy has been in contact with her regarding issues causing damage at Owens Falls and that Mrs. Smith is working with neighbors and the EAPD to see how these issues can be alleviated.

Supervisor Bach stated that there is an issue at the Mill Road Overlook regarding dirt bikes on the trail and that a letter will be sent to property owners abutting the Overlook.

Councilman Wochensky spoke about Spectrum internet coverage and the need for coverage on Knox Road. Mr. Wochensky noted that there is NY State funding available. Mr. Wochensky also spoke about the AMR ambulance contract and noted that this will be great for the South Wales fire department to have this service. He also noted that there is someone willing to chair the West Falls committee.

Councilwoman Friess suggested that there be a work session for the Board to look at all the ROC information that has been collected and to look at what the options are pertaining to the rezoning request for 730 Olean Road.

Councilman Snyder moved to set Friday, January 29, 2021 at 5:00 pm as the date and time for a special meeting/work session to be held virtually via Zoom and YouTube to discuss the rezoning application for 730 Olean Road. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #26
Spec mtg/wrk session set for 1/29/21 at 5pm

Supervisor Bach stated that Code Enforcement Officer Bill Kramer is retiring and thanked Bill for all his good work.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated the DEC recycling grant was successful and that the bridge grant is looking hopeful.

Police Chief Krieger noted he is working on the police reform report.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The 2020 Encumbered Abstract of Claims dated January 25, 2021, consisting of vouchers numbered 1523 to 1544, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 6,897.93
Part Town	786.93
Highway	<u>2,528.73</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$10,213.59

The 2021 Abstract of Claims dated January 25, 2021, consisting of vouchers numbered 32 to 68; prepaid voucher number 69; and PCard voucher number 70, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 27,714.41
Part Town	1,604,320.00
Highway	21,903.11
Capital/H7	2,114.12
Special Districts	<u>70,230.24</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 1,726,281.88

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the 1/25/2021 - 2020 Encumbered and 1/11/2021 Abstracts of Claims, and authorize payment of same. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action # 27
1/25/2021
Abstracts of
Claims
approved.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #28
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk