

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
February 28, 2022

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a work session. The Board met in-person and via Zoom at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, New York. Public attendance was permitted at this meeting.

Present:	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman (via Zoom)
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	Tony Rosati	ZBA member/VEA Trustee
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	John Hughes	Open Space Committee member
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Bach opened the work session at 6:30 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and noted the regular meeting would begin immediately after the work session. Councilman Wochensky attended the work session via Zoom from 115 South Grove Street, East Aurora, NY.

1) Temporary Use Permit – Rugby at KFSP:

Lex Maccubbin and Jeff Qualey, representing the Buffalo Rugby Club, were present. Highway Superintendent Gunner stated he met with Mr. Maccubbin and noted that Knox Road will not need to be closed, there should be enough parking in the regular lots and any damage to the fields can be rolled out easily and should recover very quickly. Councilman Snyder suggested a deposit from the organizers should the fields need extensive repair and possible hydro-seeding. Mr. Qualey asked if a \$1,000 deposit sounded fair. The response was, yes.

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that Mark Gemerek from Arsenal Soccer will be present when the Rugby group comes to line the playing fields. Councilman Granville asked what kind of cleats were used. Mr. Maccubbin responded mostly molded soccer cleats, but some wear aluminum cleats

2) NYSDOT – Church Street culvert (bridge) Project Approval document:

The NYSDOT provided a copy of the Initial Project Proposal (IPP) for the Church Street culvert replacement over Tannery Brook. The IPP is a summary of the project that requires signatures from the NYSDOT and the Town of Aurora. The Town needs to sign-off on the document.

3) NYSDOT – E. Fillmore culvert (bridge) Project Approval document:

The NYSDOT provided a copy of the Initial Project Proposal (IPP) for the E. Fillmore culvert replacement over Tannery Brook. The IPP is a summary of the project that requires signatures from the NYSDOT and the Town of Aurora. The Town needs to sign-off on the document.

4) Municipal Solutions Financial Agreements:

A. General Financial Services Agreement: Municipal Solutions has been providing general financial services to the Town with regard to Bond Anticipation Note borrowing, Long-

Term Serial Bond borrowing, and General Financial Services. In the past this has been an annual agreement. The new agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party.

B. EMMA and MSRB Filing Agreement: Municipal Solutions has been filing the Annual Financial Statements and budgets for EMMA and preparing and filing Material Event notices on the MRRB EMMA website for the Town. In the past this has been an annual agreement. The new agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party.

5) Highway Fuel Pump Software:

September 27, 2021 the Town Board approved the purchase of Gasboy fuel management software from The Pump Doctor for the gas pumps at 251 Quaker in the amount of \$17,807.12. Due to the Covid pandemic and supply issues the equipment and software have not been installed yet but be in the near future.

A. Router purchase: Nick Fodero, the Town's IT consultant reviewed the quote for an Ekos Edge Router that will provide an extra layer of security for the system and recommends the purchase. The router cost is \$1,587.00

B. Budget amendment: In order to properly record the cost/payment of the software and router a budget amendment is required. Both items will be paid for from A1680.401 Central Data Processing.

Supervisor Bach asked that a request from Highway Superintendent Gunner regarding a plow truck purchase be discussed before talking about the ARPA funds.

6) Highway Plow Truck purchase:

October 21, 2021 the Town Board approved the ordering and purchasing of a new 2023 plow tuck cab and chassis from Kenworth Northeast Group and a Henderson plow and dump package from Henderson Products for a total cost of \$247,012.00. Approval was given contingent upon the purchase amount being included in the 2023 Town Budget. Highway Superintendent Gunner reported that since that time Kenworth has cancelled the order and cannot quote a new truck as they are no longer building that model. Mr. Gunner stated he found another cab/chassis through Fleet Maintenance, Inc. of West Seneca, NY and plow equipment through Viking for \$\$265,543.87 piggybacking off the Cattaraugus Count Contract #514-2019. He noted that the new truck is a class 8, and the original was a class 7.

Councilman Wochensky spoke about the Kenworth contract and looking into it to see if anything can be pursued. Attorney Maloney stated this is the first time she is hearing of it and would need to look into it. Councilman McCann suggested getting in line to purchase the new truck while at the same time seeing if there is recourse with the original contract. Councilman Wochensky stated it is not worth the legal fees.

Councilman Granville stated that the difference between the two is \$18,500. Mr. Gunner stated he spoke with the VP of Kenworth and was told they could not uphold their end of the order. Councilman Wochensky suggested looking at the new contract to see if it can be worded in such a way to prevent the Kenworth experience.

Supervisor Bach stated he believes we should go for the new truck through Fleet.

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated he believes the new quotes to be good considering the uncertainty of the market and that the new truck proposal has a 12-liter motor as opposed to a 9-liter motor in the Kenworth truck.

7) America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds:

The Town received commitment of just under \$800,000 in ARPA funds. Councilman Snyder spoke about using some of the funds to update/upgrade facilities at Community Pool and Community Pool Park, including replacing the pool boiler and piping, upgrading the pool restrooms and checking the pool building roofs to see if they need replacing.

Mr. Snyder also noted that the windows at the West Falls Library-Community Center need replacing.

The Board has already approved using some of the funds for the Aurora Town Library (Main Street library) LED light replacement project and toward the planning of renovations to the pool restrooms and master plan.

Councilman Wochensky suggested establishing priorities for what needs to be done and make sure we are not overlapping with the Village.

Councilman McCann stated the pool is a priority and that the existing assets need to be maintained.

Councilman Granville suggesting developing a wish list, getting some prices and maybe getting some grants.

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that the softball backstops need to be finished.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk