

October 24, 2022

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, October 24, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. immediately after the work session. The Board met in-person at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, New York. The meeting was streamed via Zoom and YouTube.

Present:	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	James F. Granville	Councilman
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	Chris Musshafen	Recreation/Aquatics Director
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Bach opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., immediately after the work session, and welcomed Karen Howard from Senator Gallivan's office.

At 7:03 p.m., Supervisor Bach opened the Public Hearing on a request from Lawrence Roland to construct an accessory building on an Open Development Area lot (flag lot) at 757 Center Street, East Aurora, NY. The notice of public hearing was published in the East Aurora Advertiser and posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board. The notice was mailed to abutting property owners. The Supervisor asked if anyone wished to comment.

Lawrence Roland stated he wants to construct a building to store farm equipment on his property. Councilman Wochensky asked if the property was farmland. Mr. Roland responded that it had been, but he needs to make \$10,000 income from farming and wants to get back to that.

Hearing no further comments, Supervisor Bach closed the hearing at 7:06 p.m.

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At 7:07 p.m., Supervisor Bach opened the Public Hearing on the 2023 Preliminary Budget. The notice of public hearing was published in the East Aurora Advertiser and posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board. The Supervisor gave a synopsis of the preliminary budget, noting that it is currently \$51,000 under the tax cap. The budget includes minimum wage rate adjustments with 4% increases for most employees and \$1.50 per hour for others. It also includes one-time ARPA funded bonuses.

Supervisor Bach asked if anyone wished to comment. Hearing no one, the Supervisor closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

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Councilman McCann moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 work session and meeting; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #388
10/11/2022
min aprvd

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the proposed development on the Open Development Area lot at 757 Center Street, East Aurora, NY, in accordance with the application and plans submitted. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes - none Motion carried.

Action #389
757 Center
ODA
development
aprvd

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the OnSolve agreement for Code Red subscription services for the term November 15, 2022 through November 14, 2023 in the amount of \$6,965.00 and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. Funds will be disbursed from A1680.401 Central Data Processing. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #390
Supv auth to sign
OnSolve –
Code Red
agreement

Councilman Snyder moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of East Aurora whereby the Town will make Code Red services available to the Village of East Aurora and the Village will pay \$3,308.38 to the Town for the annual fee. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #391
Supv auth to sign
agreement
w/ VEA for
Code Red
program

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Wochensky moved to amend the agenda by adding item 5H – Court Clerk pay rate. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #392
Item 5H –
added to
agenda

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the use of ARPA funds in the amount of \$9,799.41 to be distributed to the South Wales Fire Company to assist in covering losses the fire company experienced in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid pandemic. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #393
SWFC to
receive
ARPA funds
from Town

Councilman McCann moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with the South Wales Fire Company addressing the \$9,799.41 in ARPA funds distributed to the fire company. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #394
Supv auth to sign
agreement
with SWFC
re: ARPA
funds

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the request from Highway Superintendent Gunner to attend the NYS Association of Towns meeting and training school on February 19-22, 2023 at the New York Marriott Marquis in New York City contingent upon adoption of the 2023 Town Budget. The approval is for the \$120 early-bird registration fee and \$279 per night early-bird room booking rate. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #395
Hwy Supt to
attend AOT
school in
NYC in Feb
2023

Councilman McCann moved to approve payment no. 1 to Peyton Barlow Co., Inc., 360 Delaware Avenue, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY, in the amount of \$32,700.06 for work performed on the updates and repairs (restroom renovation and addition, painting, roofing) at Aurora Community Pool through October 4, 2022. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #396
Pymt no. 1
to Peyton
Barlow for
pool
restroom
project
aprvd

Councilman Snyder moved to approve pay requests no. 1 and no. 2 from FoitAlbert Associates, 295 Main Street, Suite 200, Buffalo, NY, for consulting work on the Church Street bridge over Tannery Brook project:
▪ Church Street pay app no. 1 \$31,529.21 4/25/2022 to 9/2/2022
▪ Church Street pay app no. 2 \$20,413.73 9/3/2022 to 9/30/2022

Action #397
Pymt no 1 &
no 2 to Foit
Albert for
Church St
bridge aprvd

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

Councilman McCann moved to approve pay requests no. 1 and no. 2 from FoitAlbert Associates, 295 Main Street, Suite 200, Buffalo, NY, for consulting work on the East Fillmore bridge over Tannery Brook project:

- E. Fillmore pay app no. 1 \$25,977.65 4/25/2022 to 9/2/2022
- E. Fillmore pay app no. 2 \$21,916.52 9/3/2022 to 9/30/2022

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

Action #398
Pymt no 1 &
no 2 to Foit
Albert for E
Fillmore
bridge aprvd

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the following budget transfer to prevent an overdrawn appropriation line:

From: A1950 Taxes & Assessments on property	\$2,800.00
To: A1620.423 Contractual Maintenance	\$2,800.00

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

Action #399
Budget trans
to line
A1620.423
aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the hiring of Megan Cassidy, 357 South Park Place, East Aurora, as a Recreation Attendant PT at an hourly rate of \$13.30. Orientation will be considered first day worked. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – four noes -none Motion carried.

Action #400
M. Cassidy
hired as Rec
Attendant
PT

Quotes for a new sound system for the Senior Center were received from:

Cinema and Sound WNY	\$5,057.98
Presentation Concepts	\$15,017.00

Southtown Audio was contacted but did not respond with a quote.

Councilman McCann moved to approve the purchase of a new sound system for the Aurora Senior Center from Cinema and Sound WNY, 3566 North Buffalo Road, Orchard Park, NY. A portion of the \$10,000 Erie County Legislature award for 2022 will be used for this purchase. Funds will be disbursed from A6772.401. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #401
Purchase of
sound
system for
SrCtr aprvd

Councilman Snyder moved to approve an increase to the hourly pay rate of Court Clerk Alexandria Garbiso to \$19.38 effective for the pay period beginning October 29, 2022. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes -none Motion carried.

Action #402
A. Garbiso
pay rate
increase
aprvd

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

- Town Clerk/Tax – September 2022 report
- Town Clerk/Water – September 2022 report
- Senior Center – September 2022 report
- Town Clerk – September 2022 report
- 3+1 letter re: 90+ cashVest Award

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman McCann stated that the Open Space Committee has met and is looking at plans for developing the Hubbard Road side of Majors Park. Councilman Snyder noted that he and Supervisor Bach had looked at the cottage at that end of the park about five years ago and it

was not in good shape, noting it could be taken down and the stones and bricks from the fireplace be used for a possible monument.

Councilman McCann commented on the proposed teleconferencing local law and noted that the vacation excerpt was removed and asked if this local law should apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board, also.

Councilman Wochensky stated that the first meeting of the Climate Smart Task Force will be held on November 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Aurora Municipal Center. Mr. Wochensky noted there is no news yet on the NY Forward grant.

Councilman Wochensky commented on a proposal made by the South Wales Fire Department to have house number signs installed at the end of driveways. Larry Roland, East Aurora Fire Department member, stated that some fire departments sell these signs as fund raisers and they are not cheap, but are a great tool.

Supervisor Bach stated that the budget meeting previously scheduled for October 26 is cancelled.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Adam Zaremski stated that the Aurora Library Board meeting is October 25th.

Chris Musshafen stated that he attended an aquatics conference near Philadelphia, PA in October. Swim lessons are starting soon. He is currently training volunteer lifeguards and the EAST Kiwanis swim meet is in a couple of weeks. Chris noted that they are working with MyRec for a program for making on-line reservations at Town parks.

Donna Bodekor stated that new tables for the Senior Center dining room will be arriving soon and she is looking forward to the new sound system and new doors at the Senior Center.

Highway Superintendent Gunner noted that the tennis and pickle ball courts were full this past Sunday. Mr. Gunner noted that the supply chain is causing some issues with product delivery, and he does not know when plow trucks will be available.

Elizabeth Cassidy stated that there are only two lots available at Aurora Mills.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The October 24, 2022 Abstract of Claims, consisting of PCard voucher number 1265 and vouchers numbered 1266 to 1309, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 30,915.02
Part Town	166.34
Highway DB	4,711.38
Trust & Agency	2,078.33
Special Districts	<u>59,998.50</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 97,869.57

Councilman McCann moved to approve the 10/24/2022 Abstract of Claims and authorize payment of same. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #403
10/24/22
Abstract of
Claims aprvd

Councilman Snyder moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Councilman McCann. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #404
Meeting
adjourned.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk