

November 14, 2022

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, November 14, 2022, beginning at 8:15 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 F. Granville	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Kathleen Moffat	Asst. to Supervisor/Bookkeeper
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Bach opened the meeting at 8:15 p.m., immediately after the work session.

The Supervisor gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2023 Budget. Mr. Bach spoke about the various Town funds and gave a tax rate summary, noting that the tax cap is not actually 2%, but is based on a formula given to the Town by the State. The General (A) Fund rate will be \$3.79/\$1000av - an increase of \$0.14/\$1000av; Part Town (B) Fund rate will be \$2.71/\$1000av – an increase of \$0.03/\$1000 av; Highway Townwide (DA) Fund rate will remain the same at \$0.11/\$1000av; and the Highway Town only (DB) Fund will remain the same at \$1.58/\$1000av.

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Councilman McCann moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022 work session and meeting; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #405 10/24/2022 min aprvd

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Granville moved to approve the following post public hearing changes to the 2023 Preliminary Budget:

- Decreased RPTL 520 (Summary Page) from \$7,751.00 to \$7,520.76 based on final figures received from the Assessor's office.
- Decreased A1089 PY Exemption Removals (General Fund Townwide Revenues) from \$7,751 to \$7,520 based on final figures from the Assessor's office.
- Updated Taxable Values based on final figures received from the Assessor's office.
- Added South Wales Fire District No. 1 adopted budget.
- Added Aurora Colden Fire District No. 6 adopted budget.

Action #406
Post PH
changes
made to 2023
Prelim
Budget

Final Tax Rate Increases:

- A Fund: 3.97%
- B Fund: 1.16%
- DB Fund: .19%

Final Tax Rate Decrease:

- DA Fund: -1.94%

Bonus payments for employees, funded by ARPA monies, will be paid out the first payroll of 2023.

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

Councilman Snyder moved to adopt the 2023 Town of Aurora Operating Budget. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #407
2023
Operating
Budget
adopted

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Granville moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Independent Health for health insurance and to offer the following health insurance plans to eligible Town employees:

- FlexFit Platinum Option 2
- iDirect Gold Copay Option 3
- iDirect Silver Copay (HSA qualified)
- iDirect Silver Co-insurance (HSA qualified)

and to approve the renewal of Delta Dental coverage with a 2% increase and no coverage changes. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #408
Supv to sign
health ins
agreement
with Indep
Health &
offer 4 plans

Councilman McCann moved to approve a Temporary Use Permit to Lancaster Depew Soccer Club (Tony Manetta, applicant) for a soccer tournament to be held on the Town managed side of Knox Farm State Park on July 28, 29 and 30, 2023 contingent upon receipt of proof of insurance; no conflicts with the Polo group and the Lancaster Depew Soccer Club will provide a dumpster for the event. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #409
TUP for
Lancaster
soccer
tournament
aprvd with
contingencies

Councilman Wochensky moved to set Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY, as the date, time and place for a public hearing on the site plan proposal from Craig and Cristina Polston to operate a short-term rental (BnB) at 1757 Emery Road, East Aurora, NY. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #410
Public Hrg
set for 1757
Emery site
plan/BnB

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the creation of a new Civil Service position – second Assessor for the Town of Aurora. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #411
2nd Assessor
civil svc title
created

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the hiring of Elizabeth Wilber as full time Aurora Court Clerk at the junior clerk rate of \$17.34/hour effective November 16, 2022. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #412
E. Wilber
hired as FT
court clerk
eff 11/16/22

Councilman Snyder moved to approve payment of \$5,191.60 to Preischel Brothers, Inc., 2890 Pleasant Ave., PO Box 872, Hamburg, NY, for labor and materials to replace eight tires and two wheel rims on the Town's 2018 Kenworth triaxle truck that were damaged by another Town vehicle. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #413
Hwy tire &
wheel purch
aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to approve the request from Highway Superintendent Gunner to purchase ten (10) two-way radios with GPS service from Saia Communications Inc., 12530 Olean Road, Chaffee, NY, for \$9,994.30 (labor, materials and one month service) from funds remaining in 2022 Budget lines DB5112.433 and DB5110.433. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #414
Radios/GPS
for hwy
trucks aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to approve the request from Highway Superintendent Gunner to purchase four (4) two-way radios with GPS service from Saia Communications Inc., 12530 Olean Road, Chaffee, NY, for \$3,247.01 (labor, materials and one month service) from 2023 Budget line A7110.424. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #415
Radios/GSP
for Parks
trucks (from
2023
budget)
aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to approve, and authorize the Supervisor to sign, Change Order No. 1 from Peyton Barlow Company, Inc. to furnish and install a second electrical subpanel at Community Pool to comply with National Electrical Code. Material and labor: \$1,075.00

Action #416
CO#1 –
Peyton
Barlow for
pool elec
panel aprvd

- Original Contract \$374,670.00
- Net change by previous change order(s) 0.00
- Contract sum prior to this change order 374,670.00
- Amount of this change order (No. 1) 1,075.00
- New contract sum including this change order \$ 375,745.00

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

Councilman McCann moved to approve, and authorize the Supervisor to sign, Change Order No. 2 from Peyton Barlow Company, Inc. to remove existing subgrade below sidewalk and replace with 6 inches of clean stone prior to new concrete sidewalk placement at Community Pool. Material and labor: \$2,248.00

Action #417
CO#2 –
Peyton
Barlow for
pool
sidewalk
subgrade
aprvd

- Original Contract \$374,670.00
- Net change by previous change order(s) 1,075.00
- Contract sum prior to this change order 375,745.00
- Amount of this change order (No. 2) 2,248.00
- New contract sum including this change order \$ 377,993.00

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

Councilman Snyder moved to approve, and authorize the Supervisor to sign, Change Order No. 3 from Peyton Barlow Company, Inc. to cover tops of four sloped roofs with new metal flashing in lieu of using EPDM over vertical face of existing metal cap at Community Pool. Material and labor: \$2,786.00

Action #418
CO#3 –
Peyton
Barlow for
pool bldg
roof flashing
aprvd

- Original Contract \$374,670.00
- Net change by previous change order(s) 3,323.00
- Contract sum prior to this change order 377,993.00
- Amount of this change order (No. 3) 2,786.00
- New contract sum including this change order \$ 380,779.00

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

Councilman McCann moved to approve, and authorize the Supervisor to sign, Change Order No. 4 from Peyton Barlow Company, Inc. to remove and rebuild masonry column (near men's showers) and repoint deteriorating/missing interior and exterior mortar joints at Community Pool. Material and labor: \$1,938.00

Action #419
CO#4 –
Peyton
Barlow for
pool bldg
masonry
repair aprvd

- Original Contract \$374,670.00
- Net change by previous change order(s) 6,109.00
- Contract sum prior to this change order 380,779.00
- Amount of this change order (No. 4) 1,938.00

- New contract sum including this change order \$382,717.00

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

Action #420
Boies Rd
special event
application
tabled

Councilman Granville moved to table the Special Event permit application from Michael and Ashley Bojanowski for a Christmas light display with synchronized music at 1840 Boies Road, East Aurora, NY. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes - five noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Granville moved to approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the GASB 75 Service Agreement with Burke Group contingent upon the removal of the indemnification clause as suggested by the Town Attorney. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes -none Motion carried.

Action #421
Supv auth to
sign GASB
75
agreement
w/ Burke
Group

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the following 2022 Budget amendment to accurately reflect 2022 ARPA expenditures made from 9/13 through 11/14/2022:

- Increase revenue line A4089 Federal Aid, Other by \$21,701.98
- Increase appropriation line A7110.454 Park Improvements (ARPA only) by \$21,701.98

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

Action #422
ARPA fund
budget
amendment
aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to approve the hiring of Jordan Schneider, 135 Ellis Drive, West Falls, NY, as a truck driver at an hourly rate of \$23.06 per hour. Orientation will be first day worked. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes -none
Motion carried.

Action #423
J. Schneider
hiring aprvd
(hwy truck
driver)

Councilman Granville moved to approve the following budget transfer to cover Parks Department fuel costs through the end of 2022:
From: A9089.8 Longevity \$2,700.00
To: A7110.410 Parks Fuel & Oil \$2,700.00
Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #424
Parks dept
fuel budget
transfer
aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to declare six 60-inch round folding tables from the Senior Center (inventory ID nos. 1785 through 1790) as surplus inventory to be auctioned. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #425
SrCtr tables
declared
surplus

Councilman McCann moved to accept a \$100.00 donation from the Daylily Society to be used toward purchasing new folding chairs for the Senior Center. The funds will be deposited to TA1000.0090. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #426
\$100
donation to
SrCtr
accepted
(Daylily)

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the request from Assessor Roger Pigeon to close his office from 10:45 am to 3:30 pm on December 6, 2022, for he and his staff to attend the Erie County Assessors luncheon/meeting. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #427
Assessor
request to
close ofc
5hrs 12/6/22
aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to reappoint Julie Radt to the Assessment Board of Review for a five-year term (10/01/2022 – 9/30/2027). Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #428
J. Radt
reappointed
to BAR thru
9/30/2027

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

- Town Clerk/Tax – October 2022 report
- Town Clerk – October 2022 report
- EC Highway correspondence re: Center/Blakeley intersection
- Supervisor – October 2022 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS: none

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that the Church Street bridge project will be delayed due to all four corners of the bridge being on private property. Mr. Gunner said that the Bridge NY grant information needs to be altered. The East Fillmore bridge project is going on as planned.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The November 14, 2022 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers numbered 1310 to 1414, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 69,968.04
Part Town	204.02
Highway DB	23,359.88
Capital H7	99,837.11
Capital H10	35,985.06
Special Districts	<u>3,683.74</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 233,037.85

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the 11/14/2022 Abstract of Claims and authorize payment of same. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #429
11/14/22
Abstract of
Claims aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Councilman McCann. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #430
Meeting
adjourned.