

February 9, 2015

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, February 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, New York.

Members Present:	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald P. Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Building Inspector
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	William Wheeler	Engineer/CRA
	Mitch Martin	Community Rep.– Sen. Gallivan

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

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 Town Board work session; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #33  
1/20/15 work session minutes approved.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2015 Town Board meeting; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #34  
1/26/15 Town Board meeting min approved.

Supervisor Bach introduced Mitch Martin, Community Representative from Senator Gallivan's office. Mr. Morris commented on the Business Summit that the Senator was hosting on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Southside Municipal Center beginning at 8:00 a.m.

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Friess moved to amend tonight's agenda by adding item 6G – Appointments; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #35  
Item 6G-appointments added to agenda.

Councilman Harris moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a lease addendum with Urban Design LLC whereby the term of the current lease is changed from one (1) year to three (3) years. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #36  
Supv. auth to sign addendum to Urban Design lease.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a one-year (1) lease with Hagner Real Estate Corporation/Thomas Hagner, President, whereby Mr. Hagner will lease 378 square feet of office space on the first floor of the Southside Municipal Center. The term of the lease is April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 at an annual rate of \$4800.00 to be paid in monthly increments of \$400. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #37  
Supv. auth to sign lease with Hagner Real Estate for SSMC

Councilwoman Friess moved to table the Open Development Area request from Robert Harris for 1346-1350 East Main Street to the February 17, 2015 work session. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four abstain – one (Harris) noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #38  
E. Main St. ODA tabled

Councilwoman Friess moved to table the request from Superintendent of Building Patrick Blizniak to amend the building permit fee schedule by adding a fee for buildings utilizing trusses and/or engineered wood in their construction. This will be discussed at the February 17<sup>th</sup> work session. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #39  
Request to  
amend building  
permit fee  
schedule tabled

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to adopt the following resolution; seconded by Councilman Harris:

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature enacted the Property Tax Freeze Credit to provide property tax refunds to homeowners as part of the 2014-2015 State Budget; and

WHEREAS, the new law encourages local governments to generate long-term tax relief for taxpayers by sharing services, consolidating or merging, and demonstrating and implementing operational efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, in year one of the program, which is 2015 for local governments, homeowners will receive the Freeze Credit if their local government stays within the property tax cap; and

WHEREAS, in year two of the program, which is 2016 for local governments, homeowners will receive the Freeze Credit for property taxes from any taxing jurisdiction in which the homeowner resides that stays within the property tax cap and puts forward a State-approved Government Efficiency Plan demonstrating savings equivalent to one percent of their property tax levies in each of the following three years; and

WHEREAS, while local governments make take a variety of approaches to develop their Government Efficiency Plans, the State has strongly encouraged they convene and facilitate a process to develop and submit county-wide Government Efficiency Plans; and

WHEREAS, as exemplified in the recent establishment of the Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation in 2012, this community has a history of receiving recognition by the State for demonstrating successful regional collaborations involving many municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has offered to coordinate the development of such Government Efficiency Plans as the ‘lead agency’ on behalf of all other interested municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Aurora is interested in intergovernmental cooperation with Erie County and other municipalities in submitting a county-wide Government Efficiency Plan and desires to memorialize its intention to participate in a coordinated Plan to allow its homeowners to receive the Freeze Credit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Aurora seeks to ensure that Town homeowners will receive the Freeze Credit as part of this new State law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Aurora did not exceed its designated property tax cap for fiscal year 2015 and memorializes that it has no intention of exceeding the cap for fiscal year 2016, which if exceeded would disqualify the town from participation in the Property Tax Cap Freeze Credit Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Aurora Town Board does hereby express its support for, and participation in an Erie County-wide Government Efficiency Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Aurora Town Board urges the New York State Division of Budget to approve Erie County’s coordinated Government Efficiency Plan with local

governments with the understanding that the Town has played an active role in the identification of preexisting and implementation of new shared services, consolidations or mergers, and operational efficiencies within the Town of Aurora for inclusion in the county-wide plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; the County Comptroller; the County Attorney; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; and the Association of Erie County Governments.

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

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Action #40  
 Tax freeze –  
 govt efficiency  
 resolution  
 adopted.

Councilman Snyder moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Energy Efficiency Services Program Agreement with the Power Authority of the State of New York whereby the Town agrees to participate in energy efficiency services and/or clean energy technology projects (replacement of fluorescent lights with LED lights at the Southside Municipal Center). Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five      noes – none      Motion carried.

Action #41  
 Supv auth to  
 sign  
 agreement  
 with NYS  
 Power Auth  
 re: LED  
 replacement at  
 SSMC

Councilman Harris moved to (re)appoint the following persons, originally appointed at the 1/12/2015 Organizational meeting, who did not file their oath cards in a timely manner:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Term</u>
John Sundquist	Open Space	1/1/15 – 12/31/17
Timothy Bailey	Conservation Board	1/1/15 – 12/31/15
Roger LeBlanc	Disaster Advisory	1/1/14 – 12/31/14

Action #42  
 Reappoint-  
 ments from  
 org mtg

and to appoint Scott Wohlheuter to the Disaster Advisory Board for a term 2/1/15 to 12/31/15.

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

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

- Water Clerk – January 2015 report
- Town Clerk/Tax – January 2015 report
- Town Clerk – January 2015 report
- Recreation – January 2015 report
- EAPD – January 2015 report
- WF/Colden Community Library Newsletter

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND LIAISONS:

Councilman Snyder attended the 2/4/15 Planning Board meeting. Supervisor Bach stated there is a FEMA kickoff meeting on Wednesday 2/11/15.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS: none

The 2014 Encumbered Abstract of Claims dated February 9, 2015 consisting of vouchers numbered 2213 to 2223, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 7,427.28
Part Town	103.08
Highway	15.85
Special Districts	<u>1,975.00</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 9,521.21

The Abstract of Claims dated February 9, 2015, consisting of vouchers numbered 104 to 175, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 35,317.87
Part Town	1,454,700.50
Highway	42,518.91
Enterprise/Gleed	3,955.78
Special Districts	<u>155,121.44</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 1,691,614.50

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve the 2014 Encumbered Abstract of Claims and the 2015 Abstract of Claims, both dated 2/9/2015, and authorize payment of same. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #43  
2/9/2015  
Abstracts of  
Claims aprvd.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Harris. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #44  
Meeting  
adjourned.

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk