

March 25, 2024

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, March 25, 2024, beginning at 7:17 p.m., immediately following 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:	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Raymond M. Wrazen	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Douglas Crow	Planning Board Chairman
	Shane Krieger	EA Chief of Police
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Snyder opened the regular meeting at 7:17 p.m. following the work session.

The first item on the agenda was a Public Hearing on a Local Law amending Town Code Chapter 55 to increase the boarding fee for impounded dogs from \$20 to \$40. Supervisor Snyder opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to comment. Hearing no one, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Councilman McCann moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024 work session and meeting. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five	noes – none	Action #103 3/11/24 minutes aprvd
	Motion carried.	

AUDIENCE I: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Wrazen moved to adopt the following Local Law; seconded by Councilman Granville:

TOWN OF AURORA
LOCAL LAW NO.2-2024

A LOCAL LAW, TO AMEND LOCAL LAW 1-1990 KNOWN AS THE CODES OF THE TOWN OF AURORA, ADOPTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AURORA ON JANUARY 22, 1990, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 55, ARTICLE II, SECTION 55-10 TO INCREASE OVERNIGHT IMPOUNDMENT FEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AURORA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

This Local Law is intended to increase fees charged for the overnight impoundment of dogs in order to reflect the rising costs incurred by the Town for the provision of such service.

SECTION 2. SECTION 55-10 IMPOUNDMENT FEES.

Section A(5) shall be amended to read as follows:

(5) In addition to the fines described herein, the owner of any impounded dog will be required to pay \$40 for each 24 hours or part thereof said dog is impounded.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by

any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York Secretary of State. Action #104
LL 2-2024

Upon a roll call vote being taken:
Councilman Wrazen voting aye; Councilman Granville voting aye;
Councilman Wochensky voting aye; Councilman McCann voting aye;
Supervisor Snyder voting aye
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.
Amend dog impoundment boarding fee \$20 to \$40

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve hiring Robbyn Drake, Wallace Drive, Grand Island, NY, as a grant writer for the Town at a rate of \$70 per hour. Each grant shall meet Town Board approval and a standard agreement shall be put in place. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #105
R. Drake aprvd as grant writer

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Granville moved to amend the agenda by adding item 5I – GHD structural analysis review. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #106
5I – GHD structural analysis added to agenda

Councilman McCann moved to refer the Site Plan and Special Use Applications for a golf center at 600 Olean Road to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s). Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #107
600 Olean site plan & SUP referred to Plnng Brd

Councilman Granville moved to table the request from Sophia Starosielec, representing the American Cancer Society Career Action Network, for a Temporary Use permit for a 5K race at Knox Farm State Park. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #108
ACSCAN temp use permit appl tabled

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the request from Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy to have a student intern from the Ormsby Educational Center in the Building Department office one day per week for approximately 2.5 hours per day for a three-week period during the month of April 2024. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #109
Student intern aprvd for building dept

Councilman Wrazen moved to table the plowing/reseeding proposal from Ron Engasser for the Mill Road Overlook until written comment is received from the WNY Land Conservancy due to the agreement between the Town and the WNYLC. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #110
Mill Rd Overlook plowing & reseeding tabled

Councilman McCann moved to accept the donation of ten (10) sections of bridge railing that came from the old West Falls bridge from Terry Sprague to be used at the West Falls Veterans Park. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #111
Donation of
old WF
bridge railing
accepted

Councilman Wrazen moved to forward the Special Use Permit application from Ron Bartsch, Bartsch's Auto Services, for an auto repair and undercoating business at 420 Olean Road to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s). Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #112
SUP for 420
Olean Rd
auto repair
referred to
Planning Brd

Councilman Wochensky moved to change Jennifer George's Civil Service title from regular part time (RPT) to full time (FT) effective February 3, 2024. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #113
J. George
civil service
title changed
from RPT to
FT

Councilman Granville moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Early Voting Polling Location Lease Agreement with Erie County Board of Elections (ECBOE) for the Aurora Municipal Center for early voting for:
- Presidential Election: March 23-30, 2024
- Special Election: April 20-28, 2024
- Primary Election: June 15-23, 2024
- General Election: October 26-November 3, 2024
The ECBOE will pay the Town \$900 per election for use of the AMC as an early voting polling location.
Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #114
Supv auth to
sign AMC
early voting
lease with
ECBOE

Councilman McCann moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Polling Location Lease Agreement with Erie County Board of Elections (ECBOE) for the Aurora Senior Center for the following:
- Presidential Primary Election: April 2, 2024
- Primary Election: June 25, 2024
- General Election: November 5, 2024
The ECBOE will pay the Town \$100 per election for use of the Aurora Senior Center as a polling location.
Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #115
Supv auth to
sign SrCtr
election lease
with ECBOE

Councilman Granville moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Polling Location Lease Agreement with Erie County Board of Elections (ECBOE) for the Aurora Highway building Center for the following:
- Presidential Primary Election: April 2, 2024
- Primary Election: June 25, 2024
- General Election: November 5, 2024
The ECBOE will pay the Town \$100 per election for use of the Aurora Highway building as a polling location.
Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #116
Supv auth to
sign Hwy
bldg election
lease with
ECBOE

Councilman McCann moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Polling Location Lease Agreement with Erie County Board of Elections (ECBOE) for the Aurora Municipal Center for the following:

- Presidential Primary Election: April 2, 2024
- Primary Election: June 25, 2024
- General Election: November 5, 2024

The ECBOE will pay the Town \$100 per election for use of the Aurora Municipal Center as a polling location.

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

Action #117
Supv auth to
sign AMC
election lease
with ECBOE

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve the request from Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy to have GHD engineers review a structural analysis for a new canopy over the driving range at Bob-O-Link Golf Club. Additional costs incurred from the review will be passed on to Bob-O-Link.

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

Action #118
Approval for
GHD to
review
structure
analysis

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Building Department – February 2024 report
- Letter from Martha Collins re: East Fillmore Bridge project

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman Wochensky stated that the Town’s fleet inventory has been submitted.

Supervisor Snyder stated he attended the Millard Fillmore dinner and the Easter Egg Hunt at JP Nicely West Falls Park and commended Meaghan Tent on the great job she did organizing the egg hunt.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS: none

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The March 25, 2024 Abstract of Claims, consisting of PCard voucher number 342, vouchers numbered 343 to 393 and prepaid vouchers numbered 394 to 397, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 334,500.73
Part Town	977.04
Highway/DA	38,025.00
Highway/DB	58,601.50
Special Districts	<u>183,153.59</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 615,257.86

Councilman Granville moved to approve the 3/25/2024 Abstract of Claims and authorize payment of same. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #119
3/25/24
Abstract of
Claims aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Seconded by Councilman McCann. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #120
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk