

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
September 13, 2021

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a work session. The Board met in-person at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, New York. The meeting was also streamed via Zoom and YouTube:

Present:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Shane Krieger	Police Chief
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Tony Rosati	ZBA member/Village Trustee

Supervisor Bach opened the work session at 6:00 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.

1) FeedMore WNY Farm Market Program:

Donna Bodekor and Elyse Burgher, Nutrition Services Director for FeedMore WNY, spoke to the Board about a new Farm Market program being offered by FeedMore. Ms. Burgher explained that produce would be sold from a truck at locations in Erie County that currently have the County lunch program. They are looking at the Aurora Senior Center as one of the locations. According to Ms. Burgher, the memorandum of understanding (agreement) can be terminated at any time. The program is open to everyone, but vouchers will be available to senior citizens who attend the congregate dining site. Staff at the Senior Center will distribute the vouchers. Ms. Bodekor stated they are looking to have the truck at the Senior Center on Thursdays so it doesn't compete with the East Aurora Farmers Market. The truck would most likely use the area near the dumpster in the parking lot. Councilman Wochensky asked if the Town would need to provide insurance or permits? Ms. Burgher responded, no, because it the program would be taking place on Town property.

2) Part Time Assistant Code Enforcement Officer:

The Town wants to create the new position of Assistant Code Enforcement Officer PT (non-competitive) for the building department. The creation of the position needs to be approved by the Town Board. Paul Kielich who is currently working for the Town as a Laborer RPT is being considered for the new position. Mr. Kielich's title would change from his current title to the new title effective 9/14/2021 at a rate of \$20.60 per hour.

3) Full Time Court Clerk:

Town Justices Anthony DiFilippo IV and Jeffrey Markello are requesting approval to hire a full time court clerk to fill the vacancy created when Margaret Theodorakos retired. Alexandria Garbiso, Prospect Ave., East Aurora, NY, is being considered for the position at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

4) Library LED Light Project:

The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library (BECPL) received state aid to provide funding to local libraries for improvements that add to the library patron experience. The Aurora Town Library has requested several items including a conversion from fluorescent lighting to LED lighting. The BECPL is covering the entire cost of the LED bulbs and 75% of the proposed \$10,500 installation cost. As owners of the library building, the Town would be responsible for paying \$2,625 toward the installation contract. Quotes for the conversion were received from IPL - \$14,900 and Warning Electric - \$10,500.

5) Proposed Local Law – Extension of B and I Zone Moratorium:

In April 2014, the Town Board adopted a Local Law setting a six-month moratorium on the use of land and development in B1, B2 and I zoning districts. The Town Board is continuing to develop appropriate amendments to the existing code and wants to extend the moratorium for an additional three months.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk