

February 11, 2019

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Glead 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 Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	William Wheeler	Engineer/GHD
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Tony Rosati	Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Councilman Harris moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019 work session and Town Board meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Friess. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #50  
1/28/19 wk  
sess & mtg  
min aprvd

AUDIENCE I: none

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Snyder moved to set Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Aurora Town Hall auditorium, 300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, NY, as the date, time and place to hold a public hearing on the proposed dissolution of Town of Aurora Consolidated Water District No. 1, with the transfer of assets to the Erie County Water Authority. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #51  
Public hearing  
set for CWD  
#1 dissolution.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Snyder moved to set Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Aurora Town Clerk's office, 300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, NY, as the date, time and place to receive and open bids for the new Aurora Municipal Center project. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #52  
Bid opening  
for new Town  
Hall project  
set.

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the CSEA collective negotiations tentative contract agreement and authorize the Supervisor to sign the January through December, 2019 CSEA Agreement. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #53  
CSEA  
agreement  
aprvd & Supv  
auth to sign

Councilman Harris moved to approve the use of a Purchase Card (P-Card) with JP Morgan Chase and to authorize the Supervisor to submit an application and sign an agreement with JP Morgan Chase for the P-Card. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #54  
Purchase card  
(P-card)  
authorized

Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign and submit the Public Entity Authority Certificate and Trading Authorization for brokerage accounts in order to purchase US Treasuries through JP Morgan Chase. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #55  
Supv auth to sign/submit document to allow purch of US Treasuries

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to appoint Jerrold Thompson, 162 Pine Street, E. Aurora, to the Board of Assessment Review for the term October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2023. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #56  
J. Thompson appt to Brd of Assessment Review

Councilwoman Friess moved to appoint David Librock, 206 Sycamore Street, E. Aurora, to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Ernst. This appointment is for the term February 11, 2019 through September 30, 2019. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #57  
D. Librock appt to Brd of Assessment Review

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the following 2018 budget amendment and transfer to cover a shortage in the Water District 235 fund:

Amendment:

- Decrease revenue line W2 2140 by \$3,075.00
- Increase appropriation line W2 8320.401 by \$3,075.00

Transfer:

From: W2 8340.401 Repairs \$4,935.00  
W2 8310.404 Travel/Expense 40.00  
To: W2 8320.401 Source of Supply \$4,435.00

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

Action #58  
WD235 budget amend & transfer aprvd

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the following 2018 budget amendment to cover shortages in Water District 1E1:

- Increase WL 8340.102 Payroll by \$2,130.68
- Increase WL 8340.401 Repairs by \$1,322.33

Source of funding for both increases is WL fund balance. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #59  
WD1E1 budget amend aprvd

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the following 2018 budget amendment and transfer to cover a shortage in the Water District 1 South fund:

Amendment:

- Decrease revenue line ZB 2140 by \$3,182.00
- Increase appropriation line ZB 8340.102 by \$3,182.00

Transfer:

From: ZB 8320.401 Source of Supply \$1,409.00  
To: ZB 8340.102 Payroll \$1,409.00

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

Action #60  
WD 1S budget amend & transfers aprvd

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the following 2018 budget transfer to cover a shortage in the Water Improvement Area 7 fund:

From: WM 8320.401 Source of Supply      \$1,456.00  
To: WM 8340.401 Payroll                      \$1,456.00

Action #61  
WIA 7 budget  
transfer aprvd

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

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

WHEREAS Governor’s Cuomo’s proposed 2020 NYS Budget includes unprecedented cuts to the unrestricted State Revenue Sharing program, known as Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM), in the amount of \$49 million for all municipalities in the State of New York, effectivity eliminating the program, and

WHEREAS this proposed cut would result in a loss of \$78,698 from the Town of Aurora’s general budget, and

WHEREAS, funding has not been increased in the last several years as unfunded mandates and cost of Town and Village services have risen, and

WHEREAS, if these cuts go through, a shocking 91% of Towns and Villages will permanently lose their AIM funding, and

WHEREAS, incentives for shared services, consolidation, and infrastructure remediation directed by consent orders in no way replace the needed financial assistance to fund and manage the increasing costs of day-to-day services and capital projects needed in sustainable Town and Village planning and management, and

WHEREAS, the proposal to eliminate AIM funding unfairly punishes State residents, making financial planning aligned with the NYS Tax Cap virtually impossible, and

WHEREAS, the Governor proposes to make the Tax Cap permanent, discontinue the \$65 million in Extreme Winter Recovery Program funding and proposes no increase for CHIPs funding, for which there has been widespread vocal support, and

WHEREAS, the proposal to eliminate AIM funding is not proactive, but a method to cut a small percent from the State Budget, yet a significant amount of revenue to Town and Village budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Town of Aurora strongly opposes the elimination of AIM funding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the AIM funding benefits all of our residents not only in the Town of Aurora but throughout New York State, and eliminating it could result in reduction of services, program cuts and layoffs. Every dollar that the State shares is a dollar that doesn’t have to be levied on the backs of local taxpayers, and

Action #62  
AIM funding  
resolution  
adopted

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Patrick Gallivan, Assemblyman David DiPietro, Legislator Joseph Lorigo and Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz.

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

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

- Town Clerk/Tax – January 2019 report
- Town Clerk – January 2019 report
- Water Clerk – January 2019 report
- Senior Center – January 2019 report
- Dog Control – January 2019 report

- Building Department – January 2019 report
- Supervisor – January 2019 report
- Sen. Gallivan letter re: AIM funding

**BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND LIAISONS:**

Councilwoman Jeffe attended the meeting of the West Falls/Colden Rails to Trails Friends group at the Waldorf School. Their next meeting is 3/5/19. Mrs. Jeffe stated the group is raising money for the initial design.

Councilwoman Friess will be attending the Sewer District 8 board of managers meeting tomorrow.

Councilman Snyder attended the South Wales Firemen’s installation dinner.

Supervisor Bach thanked everyone involved for their help throughout the recent blizzard that caused a State of Emergency and driving ban to be enacted.

**AUDIENCE II:**

Tony Rosati, Oakwood Ave., stated that the Village of East Aurora will be allowing partial payments for village taxes. The Town Clerk noted that the Town has been accepting partial payments for town/county and school taxes for many years.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Police Chief Krieger stated there were no big issues during the recent blizzard.

**ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:**

The 2018 Encumbered Abstract of Claims dated February 11, 2019, consisting of vouchers numbered 2053 to 2061 was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 850.00
Highway	1,334.47
Trust & Agency	4,625.00
Special Districts	<u>5,577.84</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$12,387.31

The 2019 Abstract of Claims dated February 11, 2019, consisting of vouchers numbered 119 to 179, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 26,974.37
Highway	28,572.60
Capital/Firehall	29,700.00
Special Districts	<u>164,018.48</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$248,265.45

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the 2/11/19 - 2018 Encumbered and 2/11/19 Abstracts of Claims, and authorize payment of same. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #63  
2/11/19  
Abstracts of  
Claims aprvd

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #64  
Meeting  
adjourned