

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 5, 2023 5:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers
Memorial City Hall
24 South St.
Auburn, NY 13021**

Minutes

The meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m. from the City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn, NY by Councilor Giannettino.

ROLL CALL – The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Quill and Councilor Ginny Kent, Councilor Jimmy Giannettino and Councilor Tim Locastro were present. Councilor Cuddy was excused.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy Tamburrino
- Police Chief, James Slayton
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Grants Coordinator, Onea Kloster

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Mayor Quill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection – Mayor Quill asked for a moment of silent prayer.

Public Announcements – none

Ceremonial Presentations –

WHEREAS, in 1858 the first patrolman was hired, in the 1890's the City of Auburn Police Department was able to provide round the clock protection to their citizens. The brave men and women of the Auburn Police Department have answered the call to serve and protect our community. Our Law Enforcement Officers embody the courage and honor that represent the best of our City; and

WHEREAS, in moments of danger and desperation, the first people we turn to are Law Enforcement officers. These often unsung heroes risk their lives so that we can live in peace and security; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officers of every rank and file have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day for their communities. They've answered a call to public service that is demanding and often unappreciated; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their officers, and that members of our Police Department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression ; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Auburn Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the Citizens of Auburn. These Sergeants, Lieutenants, Captains, and Special Patrol Officers unceasingly provide a vital public service to this community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, on behalf of the City Council and the Citizens of Auburn, do hereby proclaim January 9, 2023 as

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

And recognize that we owe dutiful respect and humble gratitude to the City of Auburn Police Officers who work tirelessly to protect us and sacrifice so much to maintain and defend civil order in our community.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Fifth day of January 2023.

Michael D. Quill, Mayor
City of Auburn, New York

Public to be heard: No speakers.

Approval of Meeting Minutes –

December 15, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the December 15, 2022 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Locastro. Motion to approve carried 4-0. Councilor Cuddy voted present.

December 22, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the December 22, 2022 minutes by Councilor Kent, seconded by Councilor Locastro. Motion to approve carried 4-0. Councilor Cuddy voted present.

Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report –

- The City is accepting bids on the following: Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project. Bids are due back Jan. 20.
- City staff continues to work with CEDA and our partners from Cayuga County on a variety topics and initiatives related to Micron.
- Update from Seth Jensen and John West re: Water Quality Violation Notice being sent out. (see attachment)
- Update from Chief Slayton re: new recruits

Reports from members of Council – none

Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) - none

B. Ordinances – none

C. Local Laws – none

D. Resolutions –

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION #1 OF 2023
AUTHORIZING TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE
RESTORE NY ROUND 7 GRANT APPLICATIONS AND PROPERTY ASSESSMENT LISTS**

By Councilor Giannettino

January 5, 2023

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn intends to apply to Empire State Development (ESD) for \$2,000,000 in grant funding through the Restore NY Communities Initiatives to assist with the rehabilitation of 120 Genesee Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn intends to apply to Empire State Development (ESD) for \$10,000,000 in grant funding through the Restore NY Communities Initiatives to assist with Special Project, 151 Orchard Street Redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, Empire State Development requires the City to hold a Public Hearing to solicit public comment regarding the Grant Applications and the Property Assessment Lists, which will be published in the local newspaper for three consecutive days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York that it hereby authorizes two Public Hearings to be held before the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York, on Thursday, January 12th, 2023 at 5:00 pm, at City Council Chambers, 1st floor, Memorial City Hall, Auburn, New York, regarding the Restore NY Round 7 Grant Applications and the Property Assessment Lists; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise this resolution in the official newspaper of the City of Auburn in accordance with the governing State and local requirements.

Seconded by Councilor Kent

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor Kent	X	
Councilor Giannettino	X	
Councilor Cuddy	X	
Councilor Locastro	X	
Mayor Quill	X	
Carried and Adopted	X	

GRANT ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION #2 OF 2023

ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NYS ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION FOR THE COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW FACILITY AND SEWER SEPARATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

By Councilor Kent

January 5, 2023

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn is serviced by a combined sewer system that has been partially separated over the years with four areas of remaining combined sewers treated by Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) facilities that are located along the Owasco River; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Municipal Utilities is currently in the design phase of a CSO Treatment Facility and Sewer Separation Project (the “Project”) intended to upgrade the CSO facility buildings and equipment as well as continue sewer separation within each of the four CSO areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, in June 2022 the City submitted the Project for listing on the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan for consideration of grant funding and low-interest loan assistance through the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2022, the City of Auburn was notified that it is eligible for a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant in the estimated amount of \$11,049,500 and interest-free financing for the balance of the Project; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with the Project, the City must provide notification to NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation of acceptance of the BIL grant eligibility and interest-free financing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York, hereby accepts BIL grant eligibility in the amount of \$11,049,500 and interest-free financing for the Combined Sewer Overflow Facilities and Sewer Separation Project under the Final 2023 Intended Use Plan as published; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Auburn, or a designated representative, is authorized to confirm the City's intent to accept BIL funding and all other documents necessary for the acceptance of the grant funds and otherwise act on all matters related to the grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comptroller is authorized to recognize the grant revenue in the CSO Facility Capital Account (HG99.359.KE) and that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor Kent	X	
Councilor Giannettino	X	
Councilor Cuddy	X	
Councilor Locastro	X	
Mayor Quill	X	
Carried and Adopted	X	

APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION #3 OF 2023

APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS

By Councilor Locastro

January 5, 2023

WHEREAS, the Auburn City Council appoints individuals as Commissioners of Deeds in order to authorize them to take affidavits, depositions and acknowledgments for use in the City, which gives them powers similar to that of a Notary Public; and

WHEREAS, the law for appointment of Commissioners of Deeds is set forth in New York State Executive Law, Section 139, and the Auburn City Code, Section 62-1, which provide that the City Council shall appoint Commissioners of Deeds for a designated term; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the City Council passed Appointment Resolution #125 of 2022, which stated that a total of 50 Commissioner of Deeds appointments would be allotted during the years 2023-2024; and

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WHEREAS, the following City Code Enforcement Officers need to be considered for appointment by City Council as Commissioners of Deeds: Kevin Burke and Mark Perry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Auburn City Council does hereby appoint Kevin Burke and Mark Perry as Commissioners of Deeds, pursuant to the authority provided by New York State Executive Law, Section 139.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing appointment shall be effective immediately and shall continue until December 31, 2024.

Seconded by Cuddy

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor Kent	X	
Councilor Giannettino	X	
Councilor Cuddy	X	
Councilor Locastro	X	
Mayor Quill	X	
Carried and Adopted	X	

E. Staff or Vendor Presentations –

TABLED ITEMS - none

OTHER BUSINESS – none

Second Public to be Heard. No speakers.

Executive Session: Councilor Kent made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. Council voted to enter an executive session regarding the following matters:

- One matter made confidential under attorney client privilege.

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 5:57 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Mason, City Clerk



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Public Notice to City of Auburn Public Water Supply Users

On December 13, 2022, the Cayuga County Health Department received disinfection byproduct sample results for the fourth quarter of 2022. At the 33 York Street sampling location, the locational running annual average (LRAA) for total trihalomethanes, a group of disinfection byproducts, is calculated to be 81 parts per billion (ppb). This exceeds the standard set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) of 80 parts per billion (ppb) for this contaminant. The LRAA is calculated by averaging the last four quarters worth of sample results.

The City of Auburn is required to make public notification of this exceedance to the public served by our system within 30 days. The following is the public notification:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL Violation at City of Auburn Public Water System

Our City of Auburn, New York water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did/are doing to correct this situation. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results for a 12-month period ending in December 31, 2022 show that our system exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Trihalomethanes (TTHM). The standard for TTHM is 80 parts per billion. The level of TTHM averaged at one of our system's locations from samples collected over the past 12 months is 81 parts per billion.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation ever arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours. TTHMs are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water. People who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done?

The City of Auburn water operators will focus additional hydrant flushing efforts in the affected area which will reduce the formation of TTHMs prior to the Quarter 1 2023 sampling. We anticipate resolving the problem within 90 days. For more information, please contact the City of Auburn Water Filtration Facility office at 315-253-8754.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Auburn, NY.
State Water System ID#: NY0501710
Date distributed: January 5, 2023

What are trihalomethanes?

Trihalomethanes are a group of chemicals that are formed in drinking water during disinfection when chlorine reacts with naturally occurring organic material (e.g., decomposing vegetation such as tree leaves, algae or other aquatic plants) in surface water sources such as rivers and lakes. They are disinfection byproducts and include the individual chemicals chloroform, bromoform, bromodichloromethane, and chlorodibromomethane. The amount of trihalomethanes formed in drinking water during disinfection can change from day to day, depending on the temperature, the amount of organic material in the water, the amount of chlorine added, and a variety of other factors.

Disinfection of drinking water by chlorination is beneficial to public health. Drinking water is disinfected by public water suppliers to kill bacteria and viruses that could cause serious illnesses, and chlorine is the most commonly used disinfectant in New York State. All public water systems that use chlorine as a disinfectant contain trihalomethanes to some degree.

What are the health effects of trihalomethanes?

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Some studies suggest that people who drank water containing trihalomethanes for long periods of time (e.g., 20 to 30 years) have an increased risk of certain health effects. These include an increased risk for cancer and for low birth weights, miscarriages and birth defects. The methods used by these studies could not rule out the role of other factors that could have resulted in the observed increased risks. In addition, other similar studies do not show an increased risk for these health effects. Therefore, the evidence from these studies is not strong enough to conclude that trihalomethanes were a major factor contributing to the observed increased risks for these health effects. Studies of laboratory animals show that some trihalomethanes can cause cancer and adverse reproductive and developmental effects, but at exposures much higher than exposures that could result through normal use of the water. The United States Environmental Protection Agency reviewed the information from the human and animal studies and concluded that while there is no causal link between disinfection byproducts (including trihalomethanes) and human health effects, the balance of the information warranted stronger regulations that limit the amount of trihalomethanes in drinking water, while still allowing for adequate disinfection. The risks for adverse health effects from trihalomethanes in drinking water are small compared to the risks for illness from drinking inadequately disinfected water.

To learn more about your public drinking water supply the City of Auburn is required by the State of New York to prepare an Annual Water Quality Report (AWQR12) covering the important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. This report is published annually and is available on-line at www.AuburnNY.gov/drinkingwaterreports. Please call **315-253-8754** if you would like a paper report mailed to your home, or a copy sent to your email address.