

February 26, 2024

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, February 26, 2024, beginning at 7:19 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 7:19 p.m. following the work session.

The first items on the agenda were Public Hearings on the site plans for two Bed and Breakfast (BnB) establishments in the Town.

At 7:19 p.m. Supervisor Snyder opened the Public Hearing for the site plan for the BnB at 1309 Grover Road and asked if anyone wished to comment. Hearing no one, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 7:20 p.m.

At 7:21 p.m. Supervisor Snyder opened the Public Hearing for the site plan for the BnB at 686 Quaker Road and asked if anyone wished to comment.

Greg Schneider, owner of 686 Quaker and operator of the BnB, stated that he provides a service for East Aurora and the Town of Aurora by providing lodging for visitors to the area. Mr. Schneider noted that he has plenty of off-street parking. Hearing no further comments, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Councilman McCann moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 work session and meeting. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.	Action #64 2/12/24 minutes aprvd
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AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman McCann moved that the site plan for a BnB at 1309 Grover Road will not result in any adverse environmental impacts as it does not involve construction or physical alteration of land. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.	Action #65 Neg Declaration for 1309 Grover BnB site plan
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Councilman Granville moved to approve the site plan for a BnB at 1309 Grover Road. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.	Action #66 Site plan for 1309 Grover BnB aprvd
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Councilman Wrazen moved that the site plan for a BnB at 686 Quaker Road will not result in any adverse environmental impacts as it does not involve construction or physical alteration of land. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #67
Neg
Declaration
for 686
Quaker BnB
site plan

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the site plan for a BnB at 686 Quaker Road. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #68
Site plan for
686 Quaker
BnB aprvd

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Granville moved to refer the Telecommunication Tower site plan and special use permit for 4399 Transit Road to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s). Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #69
Site plan &
SUP for
telcom tower
referred to
Plnng Brd

Councilman Wochensky moved to table the Temporary Use Permit application for NCAA cross country events to the March 11, 2024 meeting agenda for further discussion. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #70
TUP for
KFSP NCAA
events tabled

Councilman Wrazen moved to table the grant writer agenda item to the March 11, 2024 meeting agenda. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #71
Grant writer
discussion
tabled

Councilman McCann moved to table the Board of Assessment Review appointment to the March 11, 2024 meeting agenda. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #72
BAR appt
tabled

Councilman Wrazen moved to accept the resignation of Edward J. (Ned) Snyder from the positions of Town Prosecutor and Deputy Town Attorney effective February 23, 2024. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #73
Edward
(Ned)
Snyder
resignation
accepted

Councilman McCann moved to appoint Robert H. Gurbacki as Town Prosecutor and Deputy Town Attorney, to fill the unexpired term of Edward J. Snyder, from 2/26/2024 through 12/31/2024. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #74
R Gurbacki
appt Twn
Prosecutor &
Depty TA

Councilman Granville moved to approve the purchase of a CAT PR118 Hydraulic Power Box Rake from Southworth-Milton, Inc. for \$13,658.65 (NYS OGS/Sourcwell Cat Contract #PC69406, Sourcwell contract #032119-CAT). Funds will be disbursed from DB5130.217. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #75
Purchase of
CAT box
rake for hwy
aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign and send a letter of support for the ErieNet grant application to the Municipal Infrastructure Program for funding to expand fiber optic internet in Erie County. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #76
Supv auth to
sign ltr of
support for
ErieNet

Councilman Granville moved to approve the Climate Smart Community Task Force website going live and having a link on the Town of Aurora website. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #77
CSCTF web-
site to go live
& link to
TOA website

Councilman Wrazen moved to accept the following donations:
• \$700 from Kiwanis for the annual Easter egg hunt
• \$500 from Reger Holdings LLC for the annual July 3rd celebration
Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #78
Donations for
Easter Egg
hunt and 7/3
celebration
accepted

Councilman Granville moved to authorize the following 2024 Budget amendment to record the insurance recovery payment received for the defective plow truck accident that occurred on 11/17/2023:
• Increase revenue line DB2680 Insurance recovery \$44,929.80
• Increase appropriation line DB5142.449 \$44,929.80
Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #79
Budget
amendment
for hwy truck
accident
insurance
auth

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Building Department – January 2024 report
- Senior Center – January 2024 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman McCann stated that he attended the AOT of NY conference in NY City and stated it was a good networking opportunity.

Councilman Wochensky spoke about a community campaign for renewable energy.

Councilman Granville spoke about the West Falls Center for the Arts.

Councilman Wrazen stated he attended the January Open Space Committee meeting, noting that the group is looking at possible trails at the Mill Road Overlook and inventorying the Town's open spaces.

AUDIENCE II:

Michelle Bjella, South Park Place, commented on the Climate Smart Community Task Force.

STAFF REPORTS:

Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy stated that Rich Miga took the Civil Service exam for his position, but results will not be known for several months. Ms. Cassidy noted that due to updates being done by the NYSDEC, there will not be a 2023 MS4 Storm Water Report.

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated he had a Zoom meeting with representatives of the NYSDOT regarding the Route 240 reconstruction project. Mr. Gunner noted that his department repaired a waterline break on the Center/West Gate/Hubbard private line today.

ZBA Chairman Paul Ernst stated that the ZBA has had some challenging cases and praised the ZBA members for the work they do.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The February 26, 2024 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers numbered 199 to 262 and prepaid voucher numbered 263, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 32,733.32
Part Town	1,696,911.00
Highway/DB	7,614.58
Trust/Agency	599,471.14
Special Districts	<u>502,583.16</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$2,839,313.20

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the 2/26/2024 Abstract of Claims and authorize payment of same. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #80
2/26/24
Abstract of
Claims aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #81
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk