

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
February 14, 2022

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a work session. The Board met in-person and via Zoom at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, New York. Public attendance was permitted at this meeting.

Present:	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor (via Zoom)

Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	Meaghan Tent	Recreation Supervisor
	Greg Keyser	GHD Engineering
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Tim Stroth	Planning Board Member
	Doug Crow	Planning Board Member
	Elizabeth Wilber	Secretary to Supervisor

Deputy Supervisor Snyder 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. Mr. Snyder state that Supervisor Bach is joining the meeting via Zoom from 4300 St. Lucie Blvd., Stewart, Florida.

1) Special Use Permit – 612 Buffalo Road:

Ben Bell, applicant, is requesting a Special Use Permit for a restaurant/bar with outside volleyball at 612 Buffalo Road, East Aurora. The site has historically been a restaurant/bar.

The Board began the discussion with the volleyball portion of the Special Use Permit. Ben Bell stated that he has someone that will run the volleyball league program. Councilman McCann asked about the noise. Mr. Bell responded that they will not be using whistles, just lights and hand signals. He stated he will do all he can to keep noise down. When asked about the 11 p.m. end time, Mr. Bell stated that would be an exception and most games would be over by 10 p.m. Councilman Granville asked when the last game/match would be. Mr. Bell responded it would start at 9 p.m.

Councilman McCann stated he was comfortable with the 11 p.m. end time and that any complaints would be reviewed. Councilman Wochensky asked what days volleyball would be played. Mr. Bell responded, Sunday through Thursday during summer months.

Councilman Snyder asked about the outdoor music. Mr. Bell stated he would like to have outdoor music Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m. and on Sundays' acoustic music, one or two musicians, through the dinner hour until 9 p.m. He noted that outdoor dining will only take place until sundown.

2) Special Use Permit – 1887 Davis Road:

The applicants, Jyl and Ricardo Rivera, are requesting a Special Use Permit for a short-term rental unit in the multi-family residence at 1887 Davis Road, West Falls. The dwelling has five long-term rental apartments, and they are requesting to turn one of them into a short-term rental unit. The Board had no questions or concerns.

3) Special Use Permit – 1895 Davis Road:

The applicants, Jyl and Ricardo Rivera, are requesting a Special Use Permit for a short-term rental unit in the garage apartment at 1895 Davis Road, West Falls. The Rivera's live in one of the units in the two-family residence that is on the same property. The Board had no questions or concerns.

4) KFSP Temporary Use Permit – Borderland Festival:

Jennifer Brazill, applicant, is requesting a temporary use permit to use the parking lot and fields on the Town managed part of Knox Farm State Park for parking for the Borderland Music Festival on September 17-18, 2022. Ms. Brazill stated that nothing has changed since last year and that Police Chief Krieger has reviewed the traffic and parking plan. Chief Krieger stated he is okay with the planning. Councilman Snyder stated that the Town still needs a copy of her insurance certificate.

5) KFSP Temporary Use Permit – Rugby Tournament:

Lex Maccubbin and Jeff Qualey, applicants, are requesting a temporary use permit to hold the Atlantic North Super Regional Rugby Festival on the fields on the Town managed part of Knox Farm State Park. Mr. Maccubbin stated that over the course of the event there will be 700 to 1000 people. There would be 25 teams, 30 people on a team. Only four teams play at any one time. The Board and Highway Superintendent Gunner expressed concern about the wetness of the fields at that time of year and damage that may occur from having that many games played on them. Councilman McCann stated that since the Aurora Arsenal Soccer leagues lease the fields from the Town, we need to know that the Arsenal are okay with this plan.

Councilman Wochensky stated he is concerned about the fields being ripped up and the busses coming and going – traffic flow. Mr. Wochensky noted the Town wants to be over prepared. The consensus of the Board, Highway Superintendent and Chief Krieger was that the applicants, the Town and the Arsenals need to sit down to discuss this application.

6) KFSP Temporary Use Permit – Brewski Event:

John Cimperman of 42 North Brewing Company has applied for a temporary use permit to use the parking areas on the Town managed part of Knox Farm State Park for parking for the annual Brewski event to benefit the Friends of Knox Farm. Zachary Keller, Blakeley Road, was present to represent Mr. Cimperman. Mr. Keller stated they want to be able to use the parking lot to park cars for those attending the event that is sold-out at 600 people. A lengthy discussion took place as to whether or not both parking lots would be needed, who would direct parking traffic and who would cross people from the parking lot to the event. Chief Krieger stated that not just anyone can stop cars in order to cross people.

7) Senior Center Storage Shed:

Councilman Snyder obtained quotes for material for a storage shed for the Senior Center. Donna Bodekor state that they have numerous pieces of medical durable equipment at the Center that they lend out to anyone that needs it – anything from walkers to wheelchairs. Students at Ormsby BOCES will build the structure with Town provided materials. The shed will be placed near the dumpster in the lot at 101 King/575 Oakwood.

8) AMC Generator Maintenance:

The services purchased with the new Kohler generators at the Aurora Senior Center and Aurora Municipal Center have been fulfilled. The generators need to be serviced a minimum of once a year, but twice is preferred. Kinsley Power Systems presented a quote for \$1,925 to service both generators twice in 2022. Both are due for full-service inspections, including oil and filter changes. Penn quoted \$2,095 for the service.

9) Health Insurance – New Hire:

Due to extenuating circumstances, new-hire Meaghan Tent is requesting to apply for medical benefits one month earlier than she is eligible, and she will pay the full amount. The Town's insurance broker, Hartloff Benefits, states this is an option.

10) Community Pool bathroom remodel proposal:

Fontanese Folts Aubrecht Ernst Architects submitted a proposal to prepare bid documents for the renovation of the existing restrooms at Community Pool for the fee of \$1,850. Councilman Snyder stated the restrooms are badly in need of renovation. Supervisor Bach stated that not much has been done to the restrooms since they were built in the 1960's.

11) Blood Mobile proposal:

Rotary President, Pat Shea, has reached out to Supervisor Bach about teaming-up to hold a blood mobile at the Aurora Municipal Center. Supervisor Bach stated that using the mobile unit is preferable to having it in the building. Chief Krieger recommended that the mobile unit park in the parking area in front of the building along Oakwood Avenue.

12) B&I Zone Moratorium proposal:

Councilman Snyder spoke about setting a 3-month moratorium in order to continue with and finalize the changes being made to the zoning code. The current moratorium ends at the end of March 2022 and there is still work to be done. Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy noted that no one has been affected by the moratorium in the past year.

13) Conservation Advisory Committee/Conservation Board/Open Space Committee:

The Town Code provides for a Conservation Advisory Committee – this local law was adopted in the early 1970's. The Town Clerk found documentation in the 1972 and 1973 Town Board minutes that the Town Board created a Conservation Board.

Councilman Wochensky stated that legally we can have a Conservation Board but does this (the information in the 1972-73 minutes) pass the test.

Doug Crow, Planning Board member, stated it would be a burden on an applicant if the Conservation Board was a different board from the Planning Board having different members. Planning Board member Tim Stroth stated that he believes this is part of the duties of the Planning Board. The Town Attorney will research this issue.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk