

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
April 11, 2022

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:30 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.

Present:	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Kathleen Moffat	Asst. to Supervisor
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Tim Stroth	Planning Board member
	Rod Simeone	ZBA member
	Adam Zaremski	Aurora Library Board
	Nick Fodero	IT Consultant
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Bach opened the work session at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence for those affected by the Ukraine conflict followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Bach noted the regular meeting would begin immediately after the work session.

1) East Aurora Baseball & Softball, Inc. agreement:

Amy Sullivan, President of EABS, stated that the changes made to the agreement are acceptable to EABS. Supervisor Bach stated that the Town is also satisfied with the terms of the agreement, noting that one of the terms is that EABS will pay \$1,000 to the Town annually as a contribution toward maintenance costs.

2) 426 Olean – Special Use Permit:

Larry Best Jr. and Elliot Best met with the Planning Board on April 6, 2022. Drainage at the northeast corner of the property was noted as a concern by the Planning Board and Larry Best stated that they plan to install a French drain to help alleviate the problem. Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy stated that all of the ponding is in the NYSDOT right of way along Olean Road and not on their property. The downspouts from the proposed building will direct water into the French drain. Larry Best noted that all of the blacktop shown on the site plan is existing.

3) Bridge NY Resolutions and Project Agreements:

In 2021 the Town was awarded two grants from the New York State Department of Transportation through the 2021 BRIDGE NY program. \$863,771 was awarded for Church Street over Tannery Brook (Culvert ID CIN03) and \$799,461 was awarded for East Filmore Avenue over Tannery Brook (Culvert ID CIN04). The next step in the process is for the Town to adopt resolutions noting where the initial funding will come from, as the Town will pay all costs of the project and be reimbursed by NY State, and authorizing the Supervisor to sign an agreement for each project.

4) Diamond Dirt – request to purchase:

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated he initially requested \$20,000 toward the purchase of diamond dirt for various Town ball diamonds but can downsize the amount to \$10,000. Mr. Gunner stated he believes this cost should come out of the capital fund (Trust & Agency funds for park improvements is the fund he was referring to) which currently has \$18,000. Supervisor Bach noted that ARPA funds can also be used for this.

Councilman Wochensky asked if the diamond dirt needs to be done every year. Mr. Gunner responded yes. Mr. Wochensky suggested that this be remembered at budget time,

5) Amend work session/meeting start time:

Supervisor Bach stated that in January the Board voted to begin work sessions at 5:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to convene immediately after the work session. Mr. Bach is suggesting that the time be changed to 6:30 p.m. to avoid confusion as to the start time which has varied from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

6) Codes – Refer to Planning Board:

The code committee has been reviewing Chapter 116 of the Town Codes and updating certain areas of it. Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy has been working on updating Chapter 65 to have it conform with State regulations. Councilman Snyder noted that the committee has met on a regular basis and is ready to send the revised code to the Planning Board for review. Councilman Wochensky stated that along with the updates to Chapter 116, a West Falls overlay district and design standards are being proposed.

7) Cyber Security Insurance:

Supervisor Bach stated that he and Kathleen Moffat had met with representatives of Vanner Insurance to discuss the Town's cyber security insurance. Vanner secured two quotes for the Town:

1. Cowbell Insurance: \$250,000 limit with \$50,000 deductible and annual premium of \$20,622.01.

2. CFC Insurance: \$1M limit with \$10,000 deductible and annual premium of \$10,786.43.

Mrs. Moffat also noted that the Town's Electronic Communications Policy will be updated to tighten up the MFA requirements, an additional security procedure.

8) Electronic Communications Policy amendment:

The proposed amendment to the Town's Electronic Communications Policy involves strengthening the use of Multi-Factor Authentication.

9) Fireworks Contract:

The Board received the Pyrotechnic Display (fireworks) agreement from Skylighters of New York LLC. This year's display will be held on July 3rd at a cost of \$16,000.