

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
September 12, 2022

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, September 12, 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. The meeting was streamed via Zoom and YouTube.

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
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator
	Karin Dojnik	Deputy Town Clerk

Supervisor Bach opened the work session at 6:30 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) East Aurora Driving Society:

Supervisor Bach stated that this does not need to be discussed as the permit needed for the shelter being proposed by the EADS will be issued by New York State Parks.

2) Aurora Library – surplus book storage:

Paula Klocek, Library Director, and Joe Orłowski, Friends of the Aurora Library, spoke to the Board about their need for storage space for discard books that they sell to the public. Ms. Klocek and Mr. Orłowski suggested a shed on the library property north of the parking lot. They are proposing a 12' by 16' structure. Highway Superintendent Gunner noted that the area is used for snow storage and snow would need to be put in front of the shed. Paul Ernst of Fontanese Folts Aubrecht Ernst Architects stated that he would do a pro-bono feasibility study and survey.

3) Community Pool Restroom renovation and addition – Bid award:

Councilman Snyder explained the work that is proposed for the pool restrooms. Councilmen Wochensky and McCann stated that this is a good use of ARPA funds. Councilman Snyder stated that Peyton Barlow is the low bidder at \$374,670.00, which includes the base bid; alternate 1 – exterior paint; alternate 2 – epoxy floor/wall; and alternate 3 – electric subpanel. Supervisor Bach stated that Town employee Mike Ingelfinger should be the person to look over the project periodically while work is being done.

4) Special Use Permit application – 718 West Falls Rd. Dwelling Group:

J. Gerard Green submitted an application to have a dwelling group at 718 West Falls Road. The property is zoned R3 along the frontage and A for the remainder of parcel. There are currently four dwelling units on the property – two single family residences and one two-family residence. Mr. Green would like to build a house for himself further back on the property. The Town Board referred the request to the Planning Board who moved to recommend approval with the observations that the project will require site plan approval and septic approval. A public hearing will be set.

5) Laptop Computer Loan agreement:

Several Town Board members have expressed interest in using Town owned laptop computers for Town business. An agreement was drawn up which will be used when the laptops are assigned.

6) Part Time Court Clerk:

Town Justices Markello and DiFilippo are requesting that former Court Clerk Claire Granville be hired part time to assist until Claire's replacement can be hired. This will be mostly for court nights. Claire will be a 1099 contractor at an hourly rate of \$19.38.

7) Mileage Rate Increase:

Supervisor Bach is proposing a mileage rate increase for Town employees who use their own vehicles for Town business. The current rate is \$0.50 per mile. The proposed rate is \$0.60 per mile. The IRS rate is currently \$0.625 per mile. Councilman McCann suggested following the federal guidelines.

8) ZEV Grant:

The Town will be submitting grants for electric vehicle charging stations at Community Pool and Highway locations.

9) EAUFSD Lead Agency request:

The East Aurora Union Free School District is proposing a Capital Improvements project for the school district and has requested involved agencies consent for the EAUFSD to be lead agency pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA for the project.

10) Electronics Recycling agreement – Sunnking:

Sunnking, Inc. has provided electronics recycling services to the Town. A new 2-year agreement that conforms with new laws has been presented to the Town. The Town Attorney reviewed the document.

11) Center Street/Blakeley Road intersection traffic study:

In response to requests from Town residents who are concerned with the number of accidents at this intersection, the Town is proposing to submit a request to Erie County Highway for a traffic study for this intersection.

12) Temporary Use Permit – KFSP Soccer fields:

The Knights of Columbus Council #12828 are requesting a temporary use permit to use one of the Knox Farm State Park soccer fields for a soccer kicking/accuracy contest on October 16, 2022 (rain date October 23, 2022) from noon to 3:00 p.m.

13) Notice to Bidders – Senior Center Door project (CDBG):

The Town received a CDBG grant for new exterior doors for the Senior Center. Bid specs have been prepared and the bid notice is ready for publication.