

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
June 26, 2023

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, June 26, 2023, 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
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

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

1) Peyton Barlow Payment Requests – Pool restroom/reno project:

Peyton Barlow has submitted pay applications no. 5 and no. 6 for the Community Pool restroom and renovation project. Payment no. 5, in the amount of \$10,666.35, is for work completed through May 31, 2023. Payment no. 6, in the amount of \$38,820.90, is the retainage/percentage held until the end of the construction project and after final walk-through by Town representatives.

Councilman Snyder stated the project came out very well. The Board agreed that Community Pool Park is getting a lot of use and the new restrooms are a great addition to the park.

2) Composting Pilot Program:

Councilman McCann stated that Erie County is working on a program for food recycling to be conducted at the County jail in Alden. Mr. McCann noted that there are grants available through CFA for totes for this type of recycling and that volunteer hours can count toward matching funds. Mr. McCann noted that once the program is up and running, Highway employees could transport the recycling material to the Erie County site and also stated there will be no cost to the Town. Councilman Snyder asked if there will be an agreement between Erie County and the Town for this program. Councilman McCann stated it is not all worked out yet, but there will be some sort of agreement. Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that the highway department can not do work for the Village, just the Town unless funding comes from the General Fund. Supervisor Bach stated he did not believe that a non-employee should be administering the grant and suggested that Councilman McCann and the Town Clerk be the administrators.

3) Letter of Support for MS4 Grant Application:

Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy stated that the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, on behalf of the MS4 Coalition of which the Town is a member, is seeking a letter of support from the Town for a grant application to the NYSDEC for additional storm sewer system mapping. Mrs. Cassidy noted that this information is used by her department.

4) PILOT Ownership Interest Transfer request:

Maple Road Limited Partnership, owner of 208 Maple Road, East Aurora, is requesting that the Town grant consent of the plan of Belmont Development Corp., general partner, to transfer the general partner interest to VEP Buffalo, LLC. The Town is required to provide consent to any changes in the Certificate of Limited Partnership under the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement.

5) Kiwanis Project - Community Pool Park Pavilion/Picnic Table project:

Councilman Snyder noted that Kiwanis Club chooses an annual project to perform in the community. This year they would like to clean-up and stain the pavilion and picnic tables at Community Pool Park. Material and labor will be provided by Kiwanis who will need access to a hose to run a pressure washer.

6) Complete Streets Policy:

Councilman Wochensky stated that in order for the Town to received Bronze Status a Complete Streets Policy needs to be adopted and turned in by July 7, 2023. Mr. Wochensky stated the policy, which is a non-binding policy, that he has been working on is not quite ready and he will try to finish it tomorrow. In order for the policy to be submitted on time, the Town Board will need to set a special meeting to adopt it.

Martha Librock
Town Clerk