

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
September 11, 2023

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, September 11, 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
	Rich Miga	Asst. Code Enforcement Officer
	Meaghan Tent	Recreation Dept.
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Doug Crow	Planning Board Chairman
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	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) NYS DOT – Temporary Easement request:

As part of the Route 240/Davis Road reconstruction plan, the NYS DOT is requesting a temporary easement from the Town at the northeast corner of Davis Road and Bridge Street at Veteran’s Park. The NYS DOT is requesting concurrence from the Supervisor that the easement will be a temporary occupancy of the park.

2) Local Law re: Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Workers property exemption:

The Town Assessor has requested that the Town Board adopt a local law that would give volunteer fighters and ambulance workers the opportunity to apply for a real property tax exemption on their property. A public hearing is required before the Town can consider adopting the law.

3) Local Law re: Tax Cap Override:

Supervisor Bach stated that this local law would be a safety net in the event that the 2024 Town Budget were to go over the tax cap. A public hearing is required before the Town can consider adopting the law.

4) Erie County Intermunicipal Agreement re: Grant for Comprehensive Plan update:

On behalf of the Town, Councilman McCann applied for a grant through the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning for funds to update the Town’s (unadopted) Comprehensive Plan. Receipt of the grant in the amount of \$54,000.00 with a \$6,000.00 local match from the Town requires the Town Supervisor to sign an intermunicipal agreement with Erie County.

5) Blakeley Road (east of Olean) Speed Study:

Town residents Deborah and Patrick Sullivan of Blakeley Road have requested that a speed study be authorized for Blakeley Road between Olean and the Wales town line. Residents on Blakeley Road, including the Sullivans, Lucinda Hickey, Tim Francis, Martha Sedwick, Jennifer Francis, John Hickey, and Bill Reuter spoke to the Board about the dangerous conditions on that section of Blakeley Road. They noted that numerous accidents have occurred.

6) Intersection of Blakeley Road and Center Street:

Supervisor Bach stated that since there have been several more accidents at the intersection of Blakeley and Center since the Board last requested a traffic study. The County will conduct another all-way stop study if the Town requests one via a resolution.

7) Climate Smart Community Task Force:

Councilman Wochensky submitted a resolution detailing the members of the Task Force and determining the terms for those members. The initial term for all will be through the end of 2023. After that the terms will be staggered.

8) Temporary Use Permit: KFSP – Lacrosse Tournament:

Since the last Town Board meeting the organizer of the proposed Lacrosse Tournament has withdrawn the application noting that they would be holding the event at a different location.

Martha Librock
Town Clerk