

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
December 21, 2023

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Thursday, December 21, 2023, 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
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	Chris Musshafen	Recreation/Aquatics Director
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Tim Stroth	Planning Board Member
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Bach opened the work session at 11:00 a.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) Local Law Intro – Rezone 600 and 586 Olean Road:

The Town Attorney prepared a Local Law Intro for the rezoning of two parcels on Olean Road, 586 and 600 Olean, from A (agriculture) and RR (rural residential) to C2 (commercial). The Board will set a public hearing for their January 8, 2024 meeting.

2) Route 240/Davis Road reconstruction project easements:

The NYSDOT is requesting a temporary easement and a permanent easement on Town property for the Route 240/Davis Road reconstruction project. The temporary easement is for the use of a portion of the Town Dam Site Park, an area approximately of 248sf, for a work area. The NYSDOT will compensate the Town \$360.00 (\$10/month for 36 months) for this temporary easement/use.

The permanent easement is on the Town property where the West Falls Library/Community Center building is located. The approximately 695sf rectangular parcel is in the north corner of the property and will be used for constructing, reconstructing, and maintaining a drainage pipe. The NYSDOT will compensate the Town \$70.00 for this permanent easement.

3) Route 240/Davis Road – request for crosswalk and flashing beacons:

At their December 11, 2023 meeting, the Town Board discussed the possibility of adding a fire preemption signal and a crosswalk with flashing beacons in the area of the West Falls Fire Hall and West Falls Center for the Arts to the Route 240/Davis Road reconstruction project. The Board was informed that the request would need to be directed to the NYSDOT Regional Traffic Engineer. A letter was prepared for the Supervisor to sign and send with the request.

4) Temporary Use Permit – KFSP Brewski event parking:

John Cimperman of 42 North Brewing Company is requesting a temporary use permit to use the parking lot on the Town managed portion of Knox Farm State Park for parking for the 2/17/2024 Brewski event at the Park and anticipates approximately 175 cars. Mr. Cimperman also thanked Supervisor Bach for his time spent on the Town Board and wished Supervisor-elect Snyder good luck.

5) Request for Proposals – Engineering Consultant for bridge projects:

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that the RFP that was done for prior bridge/culvert projects expires in January 2024 and a new RFP is needed, per NYSDOT requirements. The RFP will be sent to local engineering firms, posted on the Town website and published in the East Aurora Advertiser.

6) Newly Elected School:

Councilman-elect Wrazen is requesting to attend the NYS Association of Towns training school for Newly Elected Officials that is being held in Rochester on January 10-12, 2024. Mr. Wrazen is planning on staying at the DoubleTree by Hilton.

7) Comp Time Cash-out and Vacation Roll-over:

Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy is requesting approval from the Town Board for Richard Miga to cash out his remaining 54.25 hours of comp time for 2023 and to roll over one vacation day to be used on January 2, 2024. If the comp time cash-out is approved a budget transfer will need to be approved, also.

8) Vacation Roll-over:

Aquatics/Recreation Director Chris Musshafen is requesting to roll over thirty-six (36) hours of vacation time to be used in the first quarter of 2024. Councilman McCann asked why this happened. Mr. Musshafen responded that due to the switch from flex time to comp time and recreation staff illness, he was unable to use all his vacation time.

Martha Librock
Town Clerk