

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
April 22, 2024

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, April 22, 2024, 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:	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	Raymond M. Wrazen	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
Others Present:	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Rich Miga	Asst. Code Enforcement Officer
	Chris Musshafen	Recreation/Aquatics Director
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Douglas Crow	Planning Board Chairman
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

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

1) East Aurora Baseball & Softball:

Dan Mirsky, EA Baseball & Softball President, presented a \$1000 check for their annual donation and a \$3000 check as a donation toward diamond dirt for the Town's baseball diamonds. Mr. Mirsky thanked the highway superintendent and his employees for the work they've done on field maintenance. Supervisor Snyder thanked Mr. Mirsky for the donations.

2) Telecommunications Tower at 4399 Transit Road – Site Plan/Special Use Permit:

On March 11, 2024 the Town Board initiated a coordinated SEQRA review for the site plan and special use applications for a proposed telecommunications tower at 4399 Transit Road. The 30-day response time ended with two of the five interested parties responding. The NYSDOT Region 5 and Erie County Highway had no objections to the project and concurred that the Town of Aurora should be lead agency. The next step in the process is for the Town to hold a public hearing on the applications.

Anthony Siriani, attorney for the project, and Brett Morgan, site coordinator for the project, were present. Mr. Siriani stated that the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) was contacted regarding the installation of communications equipment on the existing water tank at the corner of Quaker and Transit Roads. The ECWA advised them that the tank was only 60-70 feet tall. Mr. Morgan noted that the ground area at the base of the water tank is not large enough for the equipment for the proposed project.

3) Grant Writer agreement:

At a prior meeting, the Town Board approved Robbyn Drake as a grant writer/consultant for the Town. The Independent Contractor/Consultant Agreement notes that Ms. Drake will receive \$70/hour for the services.

4) 12 Old Glenwood – request to rezone:

Mona Cook, as agent for property owner Weathertight.com, Inc./Robert Alessi, stated that Mr. Alessi is trying to sell the property which had been a bar since the 1800's. Prospective buyers want to eliminate the bar and put apartments on the first floor. There are already two apartments on the second floor. The current zoning does not allow more than two apartments.

Councilman Wochensky asked about sewer/septic issues. Ms. Cook responded that the current owner had an engineer design a septic system that would replace the current system that would need to be expanded and that the buyer is aware of the situation. The Board will consider forwarding this to the Planning Board for review.

5) Special Use Permit – Sweet Road:

Wilson and Karen Curry are requesting a special use permit to allow camping on their property on Sweet Road for attendees of the Borderland Music Festival that is held at Knox Farm State Park on September 13-15, 2024. The Board will consider forwarding this to the Planning Board for review.

6) Open Development Area (ODA) application:

Frank and Billie Jean Sergi have submitted an application for a single-lot ODA on Jewett Holmwood Road. The proposal is to split 1.66 acres from an 8.2-acre lot. The split will result in one legal building lot and one ODA (flag lot) with a 75' frontage and 6.54 acres. The Board will consider forwarding this to the Planning Board for review.

7) Summer Laborers:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting approval to hire four seasonal laborers at this time. Mr. Gunner stated he will be requesting approval to hire two additional laborers at the next Board meeting.

8) Erie County Agreement for \$5,000 grant:

Erie County will provide \$5,000 in grant funding for the replacement of (2) hot water tanks at the Aurora Senior Center. The grant requires the Town to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement.

9) Hot Water Tank Purchase:

The Town received a quote from TriR Mechanical to replace the hot water tanks at the Aurora Senior Center at a cost of \$9,985.00. Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that the tanks could be installed in-house at a lower cost. The cost to purchase the tanks off the NYS bid is \$3,996.14.

10) Special Event Permit application:

Ben Little, on behalf of RALA/RCC, is applying for a Special Event Permit to hold two fund-raising concerts at the School House Gallery at 1054 Olean Road. The concerts benefit local organizations such as ROC, RALA, Aurora Players, and others. Councilman McCann noted that he has attended this event in the past.

11) Site Plan Application – 910 Olean Road BnB:

Monica Johnson, 910 Olean Road, submitted a site plan application for a BnB in her residence at 910 Olean Road. The Board will consider forwarding this to the Planning Board for review.

Martha Librock
Town Clerk