

August 26, 2024

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, August 26, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m. 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:	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Raymond M. Wrazen	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Chris Musshafen	Aquatics/Recreation Director
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Doug Crow	Planning Board Chairman
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Patrick Welch	Chief of Police
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Snyder opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence in memory of Albert (Al) Salter who was a long-time member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Supervisor noted that Councilman Wochensky should be attending via Zoom this evening.

The first item on the agenda was a Public Hearing on the site plan, special use permit and Open Development Area for a proposed storage unit at 196 Ellicott Road, PO West Falls, NY. Supervisor Snyder opened the hearing at 6:31 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to comment. Hearing no one, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 6:32 p.m.

The next item on the agenda was a Public Hearing on a proposed Local Law to better define Bed and Breakfast and Short Term Rental uses in the Town of Aurora. Supervisor Snyder opened the hearing at 6:32 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to comment. Sara Connaughton, Jewett Holmwood Road, and Evan Roden, West Falls Road, asked for details about the local law. The Supervisor responded that the proposed local law is on the Town's website and that they could ask the Code Enforcement Officer for more information. Hearing no one else, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Councilman McCann moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the August 12, 2024 meeting minutes, August 19, 2024 special meeting minutes and the August 26, 2024 Abstract of Claims consisting of PCard voucher 1034, vouchers 1035 to 1099, and prepaid voucher 1100, to be paid from the following funds:

General	\$ 66,107.42
Part Town	79.31
Highway/DA	1,531.35
Highway/DB	153,007.77
Special Districts	<u>245,826.88</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$466,552.73

Action #282  
8/12 minutes;  
8/19 spec mtg  
minutes;  
8/26/24  
abstract of  
claims aprvd

Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:

eyes – four                      noes – none                      Motion carried.

AUDIENCE I:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Wrazen moved to set 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 9, 2024 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY, as the time, date and place for a public hearing on a parking lot site plan proposal for 1843 and 1863 Davis Road, West Falls, NY. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #283  
Public hrg set  
for 1843 &  
1863 Davis  
site plan

Councilman Granville stated that this (public hearing) has to do with the West Falls Center for the Arts and he will most likely be abstaining from any..... (unable to hear what was said at this point). The hope is to have the public hearing on the agenda and maybe even vote on it the night of the public hearing if it's not controversial. It's a parking lot and there's limited time in the season. That would be the request that we move on it.

Councilman McCann moved to declare the following Recreation Department items as surplus inventory to be recycled:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Serial/model number</u>
o JVC TV	14411823
o Cinevision DVD/VCR	333100000064
o Philips DVD player	Model #DVP3140/37
o Curtis DVD player	Model#DVD1041
o HP Printer (TOA inventory #2031)	CNBFC88754
o Welch Allyn AED	790300
o 100M Entertainer Sound Board	963290897
o Gemini CD player	CD-100
o Sony double tape player	755561

Action #284  
Rec dept  
electronics  
declare  
surplus  
inventory

Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Wrazen moved to change Karen Lazickas' Civil Service title from Clerk Typist Seasonal PT to Clerk Typist PT effective August 26, 2024. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #285  
K. Lazickas  
title changed  
to clerk typist  
PT

Councilman McCann moved to approve the hiring of the following (non-residents) as Lifeguards PT (EAST coaches) at the rate of \$19.00 per hour. Orientation will be considered the first day worked:

Samantha Pratt 41 Norwalk Ave., Buffalo

Luke Donnarummo 94 Woodcrest Dr., Buffalo

Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #286  
2 non-  
resident  
lifeguards  
hired as  
EAST  
coaches

Councilman Granville moved to approve the following budget amendments to represent increases in Recreation Department revenues and expenses:

Increase revenue line A2056 Youth Education by \$3,725.00

Increase appropriation line A7310.400 Youth Educ. Vendor by \$3,725.00

Increase revenue line A2073 Concert Sponsorships by \$400.00

Increase appropriation line A7560.411.1 Concert Vendor by \$400.00

Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #287  
Rec budget  
amendments  
aprvd

Councilman Wrazen moved to declare the following Parks Department item as surplus inventory to be auctioned:

- Husqvarna hedge trimmer model 122HD6D TOA ID# 2972

Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:  
ayes – four                      noes – none                      Motion carried.

Action #288  
Parks  
trimmer  
declared  
surplus

Councilman McCann moved to approve the following budget amendment to correct a deficit in the Lighting District 3 budget:

Decrease L3-599 Appropriated fund balance by \$7,500.00

Increase L3-5182.401 Lighting Contract by \$7,500.00

Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:  
ayes – four                      noes – none                      Motion carried.

Action #289  
L3 budget  
amendment  
aprvd

The Town's grant consultant, Robbyn Drake, is suggesting the Town consider an assessment of hemlock trees in West Falls Park for invasive species infestation. If the result is positive, grant funds are available to help remediate the problem.

Councilman Granville moved to authorize a representative from Ecos Cooperative to conduct an assessment of the condition of hemlock trees in JP Nicely West Falls Park for invasive species infestation, to develop recommendations and to provide an estimate for remediation if infestation is found. The cost is \$250.00. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken: ayes – four                      noes – none                      Motion carried.

Action #290  
Ecos Coop to  
conduct  
invasive  
species  
assessment at  
WF Park

Councilman McCann moved to authorize the feasibility study proposal from Fontanese Folts Aubrecht Ernst Architects for security, efficiency and aesthetic improvements to the Court Department at 571 Main Street, E. Aurora, in the amount of \$8,500.00. Funds will be disbursed from A7110.454 ARPA. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four                      noes – none                      Motion carried.

Action #291  
Court  
feasibility  
study aprvd

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement with Erie County in the amount of \$50,000, whereby Erie County will provide these funds for new playground equipment at Community Pool Park, and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four                      noes – none                      Motion carried.

Action #292  
Supv auth to  
sign  
agreement  
with Erie  
County for  
\$50k for  
playground  
equipment

Councilman McCann moved to table advertising going out to bid for playground equipment for Community Pool Park. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four                      noes – none                      Motion carried.

Action #293  
Bid  
advertising  
for playgrnd  
tabled

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Dog Control – July report
- Work requisitions – July report
- EAPD – July report

#### BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman Wochensky joined the meeting via Zoom and spoke about the Climate Smart Community Task Force, grants, and silver designation for the Town.

Councilman McCann commented on the sensory kits that were given to the police department by Aktion Club.

Supervisor Snyder stated that he and Assessor Steve Pigeon met with Legislator Lorigo recently regarding Erie County taking over assessing in the county. Mr. Snyder noted that there mostly negative responses from other towns and assessors.

AUDIENCE II:

Michael Wagner, Center St. East Aurora, spoke to the Board regarding his electronics removal and physical data destruction service – 716 Electronics Removal.

STAFF REPORTS:

Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy spoke about the updated Stormwater Management Plan, noting that it must be reviewed and updated annually.

Highway Superintendent Gunner gave an update on the Church Street bridge easements and the three new bridge grants.

Police Chief Welch noted that this year he will have patrol officers following school buses to be sure that people adhere to traffic laws regarding the buses. The EAPD is also watching for speeding in work zones on Route 240 (Davis Road).

Chris Musshafen stated that recreation has slowed down and that the sale of Mister's leaves the bowling program up in the air at this time.

Doug Crow noted that the NY Forward planning meeting is tomorrow.

Councilman McCann moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried. Action #294 Meeting adjourned

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk