

November 12, 2024

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, beginning at 6:35 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:	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Raymond M. Wrazen	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
Others Present:	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Patrick Welch	Chief of Police
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Snyder opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The first item on the agenda was a Public Hearing on a Special Event Permit for a holiday light show at 1840 Boies Road, East Aurora, NY. Supervisor Snyder opened the hearing at 6:35 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to comment.

Robert Aronica, Boies Road, spoke about his concerns regarding the safety aspects of the light show, noting that people park along the road, sometimes double parking, and get out of their cars to view the show. Mr. Aronica stated that this is very unsafe on an unlit road. Other issues that Mr. Aronica addressed were: blocked driveways, length of the show, loudness of the music coming from car radios, and light shining in his house.

Mike Bojanowski, Boies Road, property owner and light show presenter, noted the changes that he has made since the first show several years ago. The length of the loop for the show has been reduced to 25 minutes from 60 minutes; no parking signs are put up on the east side of the road, and the number of days has been reduced.

Dennis Kujawa, Blakeley Road, stated this is a beautiful display and he approves of it. Hearing no further comments, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 6:49 p.m.

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Councilman McCann moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the October 28, 2024 meeting minutes and the November 12, 2024 Abstract of Claims vouchers 1392 to 1458 to be paid from the following funds:	Action #367
General	10/28/24
Part Town	minutes;
Highway/DB	11/12/24
Special Districts	abstract
Grand Total Abstract	aprvd

Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four abstain – one (Granville) noes – none Motion carried.

AUDIENCE I:

Robert Aronica, Boies Road, stated that Boies Road is not the place for the light show – it is a beautiful display, but Knox Park would be a good place. Mr. Aronica also commented on the number of instances of double parking, drinking/tailgating, and children running around on this dark road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Supervisor Snyder gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Town’s proposed 2025 Budget, with overviews of the following funds:

- General Fund
- Part Town
- Highway DA
- Highway DB
- Special Districts

Supervisor Snyder stated that Town outside the Village properties will see a \$0.04/\$1000 A.V. increase and Village properties will see a \$0.08/\$1000 A.V. increase. The Town's 2025 Budget is below the tax cap.

Councilman McCann moved approve the following changes made to the 2025 Preliminary Budget after it was approved on October 15, 2024:

- Decreased A7020.409 credit card service charges to \$0.00 (was \$7,500.00)
- Increased A9060.800 health insurance by \$7,500.00
- Decreased A1110.106 Court Clerk PT to \$0.00 (was \$19,388.00)
- Increased A9060.800 health insurance by \$19,388.00
- Increased A9060.800 health insurance by an additional \$13,112.00 for a total of \$250,000.00
- Added DA9950.900 interfund transfers-Capital Project
- Increased DA9950.900 by \$10,000.00
- Increased DB9060.800 health insurance by \$5,000.00 (was \$155,000.00; current amount now \$160,000.00)
- Increased DB9061.800 health insurance retiree by \$1,000.00 (was \$64,000.00; current amount now \$65,000.00)
- Increased SF3411.401 Fire Protection by \$2,426.00 upon receipt of corrected invoice from Village of East Aurora (was \$395,143.00; correct amount is \$397,569.00)
- Increased SG8160.401 Garbage contractual by \$10,000.00
- Updated Taxable Valuations with final report from the Assessor
- Updated Exemption Impact reports with final report from the Assessor
- Added Orchard Park delinquent water, as approved at the 9/23/2024 Board meeting
- Added the adopted budget from Aurora Colden Fire district
- Added corrected adopted budget from South Wales Fire district

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

Action #368
2025 Prelim
Budget
changes
aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to approve the following Town contribution amounts toward Health Insurance monthly premiums for eligible non-union Town employees effective January 1, 2025:

- Employee only: \$673.00
- Employee plus Child(ren): \$1,137.00
- Employee plus Spouse: \$1,339.00
- Family: \$1,925.00

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

Action #369
2025 health
insurance
contributions
aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to adopt the 2025 Town of Aurora Operating Budget. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #370
2025 Budget
adopted

Councilman McCann moved to set 6:30p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2024 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY as the time, date and place for a Public Hearing on a Special Use Permit application for a short-term rental at 275 Bowen Road. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #371
Public hrg set
for SUP 275
Bowen short
term rental

Councilman McCann moved to set 6:30p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2024 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY as the time, date and place for a Public Hearing on a Special Use Permit application for a Bed-and-Breakfast at 140 Jewett Holmwood Road. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #372
Public hrg set
for SUP 140
Jewett
Holmwood
BnB

Councilman Wrazen moved to set 6:30p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2024 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY as the time, date and place for a Public Hearing on a Special Use Permit application for a Bed-and Breakfast at 1150 Underhill Road. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #373
Public hrg set
for SUP 1150
Underhill
BnB

Councilman McCann moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Appraisal Review Addendum/Amendment for 70 Church Street regarding the Church Street Bridge Replacement. The compensation and damages amount is \$7,200.00. (Note: the original compensation for this easement was \$10,400.) Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #374
Supv auth to
sign appraisal
amendment
for 70 Church
St easement

Councilman Granville moved to approve purchase of a YAKport personal kayak launch station for \$1,844.53. Funds will be disbursed from A7110.454 ARPA. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #375
Purchase of
kayak launch
station aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to table the request to rezone 397 Old Glenwood Road for further information. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – none noes – five Motion defeated.

Action #376
Motion to
table 397 Old
Glenwood
rezoning
defeated

Councilman Wochensky suggested sending this back to the Planning Board for more detailed information on how they came to their decision, if it was based on the current zoning and/or the comprehensive plan. Mr. Wochensky also suggested that a public hearing be held first to see what neighbors have to say before a local law to rezone is done.

Councilman Wochensky moved to refer the request to rezone 397 Old Glenwood Road back to the Planning Board for more information and clarification on how they came to their decision and to set a public hearing on the rezoning proposal for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2024 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #377
397 Old
Glenwood
rezoning sent
back to Plnng
Brd & public
hrng set

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman McCann moved to table the request to purchase an elliptical machine for the Senior Center. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #378
Purchase of
elliptical for
SrCtr tabled

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve a temporary use permit for Orchard Park Recreation Department to hold an ecology camp led by Earth Spirit Education at JP Nicely West Falls Park on August 12 and August 15, 2025 from 8:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., including use of the building and trails. Supervisor Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #379
TUP for
ecology camp
at W Falls
park aprvd
for 8/2025

Councilman McCann moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign New York State Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance (Comp Alliance) renewal for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #380
Supv auth to
sign Workers
Comp
Alliance
renewal

Councilman Granville moved to approve compensation of \$6,436.71 to Kathleen Moffat for additional work performed during the seventeen (17) weeks that (former Secretary to the Supervisor) Valerie Venturo was out of work due to an injury. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #381
Monetary
compensation
to K. Moffat
aprvd for
additional
work

Councilman Granville moved to refer the issue of light trespass to the Code Review and Climate Smart Committees for recommendation(s). Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #382
Light trespass
issue referred
to Code &
Climate
committees

Councilman Wrazen moved to authorize a TE9 speed study for Emery Road from Route 16 to ½ mile west of Route 16 to reduce the posted statutory speed from 35 mph to 30 mph. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #383
TE9 auth for
Emery near
Rt 16

Councilman Granville moved to authorize a TE9 speed study to establish a 20 mph school zone between 2486 Emery Road and 2531 Emery Road at the Gow School. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #384
TE9 auth for
Emery for
school zone
(near Gow)

Councilman McCann moved to refer the Special Use Permit application for a short-term rental at 603 Jewett Holmwood Road to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s). Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #385
SUP for 603
Jewett
Holmwood
short term
rental
referred to
Planning Brd

Councilman Wrazen moved to refer the Special Use Permit application for a short-term rental at 99 Gypsy Lane (aka: 99 ½ Gypsy Lane) to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s). Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #386
SUP for 99
Gypsy short
term rental
referred to
Planning Brd

Councilman Granville moved to approve the following budget amendment to record the receipt of a rebate from NYSEG for various LED lighting projects as approved at the April 9, 2024 Town Board meeting:

- Increase revenue line A2770 other unclassified revenues by \$3,700
- Increase appropriation line A7110.464 Parks R&M by \$3,700

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Building Dept. – October 2024 report
- Senior Center – October 2024 report
- Town Clerk – October 2024 report
- DCO – October 2024 report
- Work Requisitions – October 2024 report
- EAPD – October 2024 report
- Supervisor – October 2024 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman Wrazen gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan, noting that the website for the Plan is up and operational and there is a survey for Town residents to take. Mr. Wrazen noted that the committee is considering mailing a post card to residents informing them of the project.

Councilman Granville stated that sending post cards is a good way to communicate.

Councilman Wochensky spoke about the Community Solar Plan and noted that .gov for the Town has been approved and it adds additional cyber security.

Supervisor Snyder attended the Veterans Day ceremony at the American Legion along with Councilman McCann.

AUDIENCE II:

Conor Schneider, Old Glenwood Road, stated he just emailed additional information to the Board, along with an AI transcript of the Planning Board minutes for his request to rezone 397 Old Glenwood. Mr. Schneider noted the project would most likely be museum oriented, be a stop on the rail-trail, and maybe a café.

STAFF REPORTS: none

Councilman McCann moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by
Councilman Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #388
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk