

January 13, 2025

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, January 13, 2025, 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:	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	Raymond M. Wrazen	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	James F. Granville	Councilman
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Chris Musshafen	Aquatics/Recreation Director
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Douglas Crow	Planning Board Chairman
	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.

The first items on the agenda were the following public hearings:

A public hearing on an application for a Special Use Permit for a short-term rental at 99 Gypsy Lane, East Aurora. 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.

A public hearing on an application for a Special use Permit for a short-term rental at 603 Jewett Holmwood Road, East Aurora. Supervisor Snyder opened the hearing at 6:32 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to comment. Hearing no one, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 6:33 p.m.

A public hearing on a Site Plan for 1045 Davis Road, West Falls. Supervisor Snyder opened the hearing at 6:33 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to comment. Goldie Sandhu, business owner, and Robert Kasprzak, architect for the project were present. They stated that they are reducing the size and scope of the previously approved site plan – adding one cooler instead of two. There will be no change to the drainage, parking space striping will be done and the façade will be redone. The smaller scale project is being done to prevent having to close the store during construction. The initial addition to the building was 848 sf, it is being reduced to 544 sf. Hearing no one else, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 6:36 p.m.

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Representatives from GoNetSpeed, NYSEG, and O’Connell Electric were present to discuss the high speed internet installation and the trimming/cutting of trees during the process.

Chris Brooks from GNS stated his company is installing 40 miles of fiber to approximately 3705 homes, including all of the Village of East Aurora and some in the town outside of the village.

The Town Board members expressed concerns with several items, including the lack of an environmental review, the way trees are being trimmed/cut, location of wires in the backyards of town properties, lack of communication between project companies and residents, and stumps left from trees that are cut down.

Board members asked for more information about the standards and/or parameters for the tree trimming, for a copy of the “make ready plan”, and a plan as to when/where they will be working in the Town.

**2025 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>	<b><u>TERM</u></b>
<b>ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERVISOR &amp; BUDGET OFFICER</b>	Supervisor appointed: <b>Kathleen A. Moffat</b> to serve a (1) year-term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>SECRETARY TO THE SUPERVISOR</b>	Supervisor appointed: <b>Jennifer Calkins</b> to serve a (1) year-term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>DEPUTY SUPERVISOR</b>	Supervisor appointed: <b>Luke Wochensky</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>TOWN HISTORIAN</b>	Supervisor appointed: <b>Robert Lowell Goller</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>DEPUTY TOWN CLERK #1</b>	Town Clerk appointed: <b>Sheryl A. Miller</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>DEPUTY TOWN CLERK #2</b>	Town Clerk appointed: <b>Karin Dojnik</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>DEPUTY TOWN CLERK #3</b>	Town Clerk appointed: <b>Victoria E. Montagu</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS</b>	<b>Martha L. Librock</b> is currently serving a four (4) year term.	<b>1/1/22 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>SUB-REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS</b>	Registrar appoints: <b>Sheryl A. Miller</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>TOWN ATTORNEY</b>	<b>Brigid Maloney</b> is currently serving a (2) two-year term.	<b>1/1/24 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Robert Gurbacki</b> to a (1) one-year term as Deputy Town Attorney	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>TOWN PROSECUTOR</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Robert Gurbacki</b> to a (1) one-year term as Town Prosecutor	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>MARRIAGE OFFICERS</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Charles D. Snyder, Luke Wochensky and Joseph McCann</b> each to serve a (1) one-year term.	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>RECREATION DIRECTOR</b> <i>(Town Code Chapter 28, Section 2)</i>	Motion to appoint: <b>Christopher W. Musshafen</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>WATER CLERK</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Martha Librock</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Chelsea Root</b> to fill unexpired term of Jeanne Beiter	<b>1/1/25– 12/31/28</b>
	Motion to appoint: <b>Timothy Stroth</b> to a (7) seven-year term	<b>1/1/25– 12/31/31</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATES</b> <i>(Town Code Chapter 23, Section 23-4)</i>	Motion to appoint: <b>William Heidt</b> and <b>[vacant]</b> to serve a one (1) year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Douglas Crow</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>

<b>PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. and, if required, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave.	
<b>PLANNING BOARD SERVICES</b>	Motion to retain <b>GHD Consulting Services</b> for Planning Board assistance, as needed.	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b> (Town Code Article VI, Chapter 116-60)	Motion to appoint: <b>Mandy Carl</b> to serve a (5) five-year term	<b>1/1/25– 12/31/29</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD ALTERNATES</b>	Motion to appoint <b>Stephanie Morgan</b> and <b>Brad Felton</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD CHAIRMAN</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Paul Ernst</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD MEETINGS</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. June meeting to be held Wednesday June 18, 2025 at 7p.m. at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave.	
<b>DISASTER / HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COORDINATOR</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Mark Hartley</b> , Disaster/HazMat Coordinator; <b>Randy Taylor and Keith Bender</b> , Asst. Disaster/HazMat Coordinator(s), each to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>DISASTER ADVISORY</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Patrick Welch, David Thomason, Victoria Sturman, Mark Hartley, Randy Taylor, Keith Bender, Douglas Hooper, Glen Diemer, Code Enforcement Officer Elizabeth Cassidy, Superintendent of Highways David Gunner, Dog Control Officer Roger LeBlanc, Senior Citizen Dir. Donna Bodekor, Fire Chiefs: EAFD – Aaron Denz South Wales – Marty O’Connor West Falls – Mark Wohlfeil Town Attorney – Brigid Maloney Assessor Stephen Pigeon</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
Note: Village of East Aurora Mayor and Town of Aurora Supervisor to serve as members ex-officio		
<b>SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN</b>	Will be appointed on an as-needed basis	
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<b>RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD</b> (Town Code Chapter 26, Section 1)	Will be appointed on an as-needed basis.	
<b>AURORA TOWN LIBRARY BOARD</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Elaine Chow-Tunkey</b> to serve a (5) five-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/29</b>
<b>OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>John Hughes, Phil Payne</b> to serve a (3) three-year term (meeting schedule to be announced)	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/27</b>
<b>CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE</b>	Motion to appoint the following members to terms as outlined: <b>Sharon Bachman</b> to serve a (7) seven-year term <b>Maya Reynolds</b> to serve a (2) two-year term	<b>1/1/25-12/31/31</b> <b>1/1/25-12/31/26</b>

<b>TOWN AUDITORS</b>	Motion to appoint: <b>Drescher &amp; Malecki, LLP</b> to serve a (1) one-year term	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>ENGINEERING SERVICES</b>	Motion to retain <b>GHD Consulting Services, Inc.</b> for Town Engineering Services	<b>1/1/25 – 12/31/25</b>
<b>MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE</b>	Motion to set the rate at <b>\$0.70 per mile</b> as compensation for travel while on Town business.	
<b>TOWN BOARD MEETING AND WORK SESSION DATES</b>	Motion to set <b>regular Town Board meetings</b> at 6:30 p.m. at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, as follows: <b>January 13, 27; February 10, 24; March 10, 24; April 14, 28; May 12, 27 (Tuesday); June 9, 23; July 14, 28; August 11, 25; September 8, 22; October 14 (Tuesday), 27; November 10, 24; December 8, 22 (Monday at 11 a.m.).</b>  Motion to set <b>Town Board work sessions</b> at 6:30 p.m. at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, as follows: <b>January 22; February 19; March 18; April 22; May 20; June 17; July 22; August 19; September 16; October 21; November 18; December 16</b> Additional (special) meetings may be set if necessary.	
<b>PUBLIC HEARINGS</b>	For the orderly and efficient conducting of public hearings, they will be held at the early part of the meeting. The Board may defer voting on issues discussed at the public hearing for at least two weeks but may be voted on at the same meeting.	
<b>HOLIDAYS</b>	Motion to designate: <b>Martin Luther King Day (1/20/25) / Presidents Day (2/17/25) / Good Friday (4/18/25) / Memorial Day (5/26/25) / Juneteenth Day (6/19/25) / Independence Day (7/4/25) / Labor Day (9/1/25) / Columbus Day (10/13/25) / Veterans Day (11/11/25) / Thanksgiving Day (11/27/25) / Day after Thanksgiving (11/28/25) / Christmas (12/25/25) / New Year’s Day (1/1/26)</b> Employees may or may not be granted time off on Christmas Eve and/or Election Day at the discretion of the Town Board. These days are not considered holidays.	
<b>OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER</b>	Motion to designate: <b>East Aurora Advertiser</b> as the official publication for all Town of Aurora official business.	
<b>SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Motion to designate: <b>Supervisor as Administrator</b> for all Town of Aurora Special Districts	
<b>BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES</b>	Motion to designate: <b>JP Morgan Chase Bank, Bank of America, Bank of Holland, Key Bank, Citizens Bank, Manufacturers &amp; Traders Trust Company, Five Star Bank, TD Bank, New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS).</b>	
<b>PAY PERIODS</b>	Motion to set pay periods for every two weeks.	

**RATES OF PAY**

Motion to set the Hourly and Bi-Weekly Rates of Pay for Town Employees, appointed and Elected Officials as follows:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Biweekly Rate</b>
Councilman		509.73
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Town Justice		1,520.84
Town Justice		1,520.84
Clerk to Town Justice	22.28	
Clerk to Town Justice	21.75	
Supervisor		1,793.52
Assistant to Supervisor	24.43	
Secretary to the Supervisor	20.63	
Budget Officer		228.73
Web Administrator		151.48
Live Stream Coordinator		63.65
Assessor	40.80	
Assessor Mileage		76.92
Assessment Clerk	22.28	
Clerk PT	18.57	
Town Clerk		2937.79
Registrar		38.99
Deputy Town Clerk 1 FT	22.28	
Deputy Town Clerk 2 FT	21.75	
Deputy Town Clerk 3 PT	19.36	
Grant Stipend		216.42
Attorney		2075.41
Prosecutor		724.25
Buildings Director		248.52
Custodian	17.51	
Buildings Secretary	22.28	
Drivers (minibus)	17.51	
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Dog Control FT		
Dog Control PT	20.60	
Dog Control Director		188.84
DCO Secretary	22.28	
Code Enforcement Officer	35.61	
Clerical (Bldg & Zoning)	18.57	
Asst. Code Enforcement Officer FT	30.60	
Sup. Of Highway		2937.79
Deputy Highway Supt.		173.07
Highway Secretary	22.28	
Rec Leader Senior Center	27.63	
Rec Attendant	23.06	
Part-Time Personnel	17.51	
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Part-Time Kitchen	17.51	
Dir. Of Recreation & Aquatics	29.52	
Recreation Mileage		46.15
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Recreation Supervisor	22.40	

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Clerk Typist	17.51	
Parks Director		487.44
Parks Secretary	22.28	
Historian		649.27
Bridge Director		216.42
Water Director		40.80
Laborer PT	20.60	
Laborer RPT	20.60	
Laborer PT	20.60	
Laborer	20.80	
MEO	33.84	
MEO	33.84	
Truck Driver	25.44	
MEO	33.84	
Bldg Maint Mechanic	33.84	
Gas Well Tender Hrly Stipend 1/2	0.50	
Total Hourly Wage	<b>34.34</b>	
MEO	33.84	
Gas Well Tender Hrly Stipend 2/2	0.50	
Total Hourly Wage	<b>34.34</b>	
Laborer	20.80	
MEO	33.84	
Working Crew Chief	35.68	
Truck Driver/Mechanic Stipend	28.14	
Truck Driver	25.44	

**LIMITED SUPPLIES  
PURCHASE**

Motion for the **Highway Superintendent, Recreation & Aquatics Director, Assessor, Historian, Superintendent of Building, Supervisor, Recreation Leader-Senior Center and Town Clerk** to purchase supplies, without Town Board approval, with a limit of \$3,499. except computer related purchases, which must first be approved by **Kathleen Moffat, System Administrator**.

**ALTERNATE CHECK  
SIGNER**

Motion to authorize: **Councilmen Joseph McCann and Luke Wochensky** to sign checks in the absence of and at the request of the Town Supervisor.

**VOUCHER FORM**

Motion to require a voucher to be used by persons having claims from the Town, be substantially in the standard form prescribed by NYS Audit and Control.

**PREPAYMENT OF  
CLAIMS**

The Town is authorized to pay, in advance of audit, all public utilities, postage, freight and express charges, insurance, and payments for all approved contracts extending over one-year, and such payments shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit; as used this resolution the term of public utilities shall mean electric, gas, water, sewer, and telephone services as contained in Section 118, Sub. 2 of the Town Law.

**LIABILITY  
PROTECTION**

Action #168 on 11/11/85 provided that the Town will provide personal liability protection for all employees and elected officials by local law:  
**Selective Insurance Company or Equivalent.**

**PUBLIC OFFICERS  
COVERAGE**

Supervisor noted that a Public Officers Liability Policy is in effect for Town Board Members and Public Officers for **\$1,000,000**

**EMPLOYEE BOND  
COVERAGE**

Supervisor noted that the Blanket Bond is in effect for  
**\$1,000,000** for all Town employees.

**BOARD LIAISONS**

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The Supervisor appoints the following Town Board Liaison assignments for 2024:

**VILLAGE CONTRACTS**

Water, Police & Dog	Snyder	Granville
Disaster Preparedness, Fire, Ambulance, Alarm	Snyder	McCann

**TOWN SERVICES**

Budget & Finance	Snyder	McCann
Personnel	Snyder	Wochensky
Insurance & Bonding	Snyder	McCann
Assessing	Wochensky	Granville
Building, Grounds, Handicapped	Wrazen	Wochensky
Building Codes & Zoning Enforcement	Snyder	Wochensky
Rubbish & Recycling	Wrazen	Granville
Water & Sewer Districts	Wrazen	McCann
Library	Wochensky	Granville
Highway & Street Lighting	Wochensky	Wrazen
Recreation, Parks & Senior Citizens	Granville	McCann
Planning Board & Conservation	McCann	Wrazen
Zoning Board of Appeals	Snyder	Wrazen
Boys & Girls Club	Granville	Wrazen

**INVESTMENT POLICY**

Adopted 03/12/2018 Action #74

**TOWN OF AURORA INVESTMENT POLICY**

I. SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all moneys and other financial resources available for deposit and investment by the Town of Aurora on its own behalf or on behalf of any other entity or individual.

II. OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the local government's investment activities are, in priority order:

- To conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements (legality);
- To adequately safeguard principal (safety);
- To provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements (liquidity) and
- To obtain a reasonable rate of return (yield).

III. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The governing board's responsibility for administration of the investment program is delegated to the Town Supervisor, who shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with these investment policies. Such procedures shall include internal controls to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based upon records incorporating the description and amounts of investments, the fund(s) for which they are held, the place(s) where kept, and other relevant information, including dates of sale or other dispositions and amounts realized. In addition, the internal control procedures shall describe the responsibilities and levels of authority for key individuals involved in the investment program.

IV. PRUDENCE

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the Town of Aurora to govern effectively.

Investments shall be made with prudence, diligence, skill, judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which knowledgeable and prudent persons acting in like capacity would use, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived.

All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

#### V. DIVERSIFICATION

It is the policy of the Town of Aurora to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument, and by maturity scheduling.

The governing board shall establish appropriate limits for the amount of investments that can be made with each financial institution or dealer, and shall evaluate this listing at least annually.

#### VI. INTERNAL CONTROLS

It is the policy of the Town of Aurora for all moneys collected by any officer or employee of the government to transfer those funds to the Town of Aurora within 7 days of deposit, or within the time period specified in law, whichever is shorter.

The Town Supervisor is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control procedures to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization, properly recorded, and managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

#### VII. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITARIES

The banks and trust companies that are authorized for the deposit of moneys are as follows:

- JP Morgan Chase Bank
- Bank of America
- Bank of Holland
- Key Bank
- Citizens Bank
- Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company
- Five Star Bank
- TD Bank
- New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS).

#### VIII. SECURING DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

All deposits and investments at a bank or trust company, including all demand deposits, certificates of deposit and special time deposits (hereinafter, collectively, "deposits") made by officers of the Town of Aurora that are in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, including pursuant to a Deposit Placement Program in accordance with law, shall be secured by one or more of the following:

1. A pledge of "eligible securities" with an aggregate "market value" (as provided by the GML Section 10) that is at least equal to the aggregate amount of deposits by the officers. See Schedule A of this policy for a listing of "eligible securities."
2. A pledge of a pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities, having in the aggregate, a market value at least equal to the aggregate amount of deposits from all such officers within the State at the bank or trust company.
3. An "eligible surety bond" payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100 percent of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed-upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims-paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The governing board shall approve the terms and conditions of the surety bond.
4. An "eligible letter of credit," payable to the Town of Aurora as security for the payment of 140 percent of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed-upon interest, if any. An "eligible letter of credit" shall be an irrevocable letter of credit issued in favor of the Town of Aurora, for a term not to exceed 90 days, by a qualified bank (other than the bank where the secured money



is deposited). A qualified bank is either one whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations (or, in the case of a bank which is the principal subsidiary of a holding company, whose holding company's commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations) are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization, or one that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk-based capital requirements.

5. An "irrevocable letter of credit" issued in favor of the Town of Aurora by a federal home loan bank whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in the highest rating category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization, as security for the payment of 100 percent of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed-upon interest, if any.

#### IX. COLLATERALIZATION AND SAFEKEEPING

Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits made by officers of the Town of Aurora shall be held by (the depository or a third party) bank or trust company subject to security and custodial agreements.

The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities (or the pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities) are being pledged to secure such deposits together with agreed-upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection of such deposits upon a default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities (or pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities) held may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released and the events of default which will enable the local government to exercise its rights against the pledged securities.

In the event that the pledged securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the Town of Aurora, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment in blank to the Town of Aurora or the custodial bank or trust company. Whenever eligible securities delivered to the custodial bank or trust company are transferred by entries on the books of a federal reserve bank or other book-entry system operated by a federally regulated entity without physical delivery of the evidence of the obligations, then the records of the custodial bank or trust company shall be required to show, at all times, the interest of the local government in the securities (or the pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities) as set forth in the security agreement.

The custodial agreement shall provide that pledged securities (or the pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities) will be held by the custodial bank or trust company as agent of, and custodian for, the Town of Aurora, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not be commingled with or become part of the backing of any other deposit or other bank liability. The agreement shall also describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the collateral and it shall provide for the frequency of revaluation of collateral by the custodial bank or trust company and for the substitution of collateral when a change in the rating of a security causes ineligibility. The security and custodial agreements shall also include all other provisions necessary to provide the Town of Aurora with a perfected security interest in the eligible securities and to otherwise secure the local government's interest in the collateral, and may contain other provisions that the governing board deems necessary.

#### X. PERMITTED INVESTMENTS

As provided by General Municipal Law Section 11, the Town Board of the Town of Aurora authorizes the Town Supervisor to invest moneys not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:

- Special time deposit accounts in, or certificates of deposit issued by, a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York.
- Through a Deposit Placement Program, certificates of deposit in one or more "banking institutions", as defined in Banking Law Section 9-r.
- Obligations of the United States of America.
- Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America, where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America.
- Obligations of the State of New York.
- With the approval of the State Comptroller, obligations issued pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 24.00 or 25.00 (i.e., Tax Anticipation Notes and Revenue Anticipation Notes) by any municipality, school district or district corporation in the State of New York other than the Town of Aurora; and

- Obligations of the Town of Aurora, but only with moneys in a reserve fund established pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-c, 6-d, 6-e, 6-f, 6-g, 6-h, 6-j, 6-k, 6-l, 6-m, or 6-n.

All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town of Aurora within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the moneys were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable in any event at the option of the Town of Aurora within two years of the date of purchase. Time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit shall be payable within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for which the moneys were obtained, and shall be secured as provided in Sections VIII and IX herein.

Except as may otherwise be provided in a contract with bondholders or noteholders, any moneys of the Town of Aurora authorized to be invested may be commingled for investment purposes, provided that any investment of commingled moneys shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town of Aurora within such time as the proceeds shall be needed to meet expenditures for which such moneys were obtained, or as otherwise specifically provided in General Municipal Law Section 11. The separate identity of the sources of these funds shall be maintained at all times and income received shall be credited on a pro rata basis to the fund or account from which the moneys were invested.

Any obligation that provides for the adjustment of its interest rate on set dates is deemed to be payable or redeemable on the date on which the principal amount can be recovered through demand by the holder.

#### XI. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS

All financial institutions and dealers with which the Town of Aurora transacts business shall be creditworthy, and have an appropriate level of experience, capitalization, size and other factors that make the financial institution or the dealer capable and qualified to transact business with the Town of Aurora. The Town Supervisor shall evaluate the financial position and maintain a listing of proposed depositories, trading partners, and custodians. Recent Reports of Condition and Income (call reports) shall be obtained for proposed banks, and security dealers that are not affiliated with a bank shall be required to be classified as reporting dealers affiliated with the New York Federal Reserve Bank, as primary dealers.

The Town of Aurora shall maintain a list of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amounts of investments that can be made with each financial institution or dealer.

#### XII. PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS

The Town Supervisor is authorized to contract for the purchase of investments:

1. Directly, from an authorized trading partner
2. By participation in a cooperative investment agreement with other authorized municipal corporations pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law and in accordance with Article 3-A of the General Municipal Law.

All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by such bank or trust company only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be confirmed in writing to the Town of Aurora by the bank or trust company.

Any obligation held in the custody of a bank or trust company shall be held pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law Section 10(3)(a). The agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent of, and custodian for, the Town of Aurora, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not be commingled with or become part of the backing of any other deposit or other bank liability. The agreement shall also describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to secure the local government's perfected interest in the securities, and the agreement may also contain other provisions that the governing board deems necessary. The security and custodial agreements shall also include all other provisions necessary to provide the Town of Aurora with a perfected interest in the securities.

The Town Supervisor, where authorized, can direct the bank or trust company to register and hold the evidences of investments in the name of its nominee, or may deposit or authorize the bank or

trust company to deposit, or arrange for the deposit of any such evidences of investments with a federal reserve bank or other book-entry transfer system operated by a federally regulated entity. The records of the bank or trust company shall show, at all times, the ownership of such evidences of investments, and they shall be, when held in the possession of the bank or trust company at all times, kept separate from the assets of the bank or trust company. All evidences of investments delivered to a bank or trust company shall be held by the bank or trust company pursuant to a written custodial agreement as set forth in General Municipal Law Section 10(3)(a), and as described earlier in this section. When any such evidences of investments are so registered in the name of a nominee, the bank or trust company shall be absolutely liable for any loss occasioned by the acts of such nominee with respect to such evidences of investments.

#### XIII. COURIER SERVICE

The Town Supervisor may, subject to the approval of the governing board by resolution, enter into a contract with a courier service for the purpose of causing the deposit of public funds with a bank or trust company. The courier service shall be required to obtain a surety bond for the full amount entrusted to the courier, payable to the Town of Aurora and executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of New York, with a claims-paying ability that is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, to insure against any loss of public deposits entrusted to the courier service for deposit or failure to deposit the full amount entrusted to the courier service.

The Town of Aurora may agree with the depository bank or trust company that the bank or trust company will reimburse all or part of, but not more than, the actual cost incurred by the Town of Aurora in transporting items for deposit through a courier service. Any such reimbursement agreement shall apply only to a specified deposit transaction, and may be subject to such terms, conditions and limitations as the bank or trust company deems necessary to ensure sound banking practices, including, but not limited to, any terms, conditions or limitations that may be required by the Department of Financial Services or other federal or State authority.

#### XIV. ANNUAL REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

The Town of Aurora shall review this investment policy annually, and it shall have the power to amend this policy at any time.

#### XV. DEFINITIONS

The terms "public funds," "public deposits," "bank," "trust company," "eligible securities," "eligible surety bond," and "eligible letter of credit" shall have the same meanings as set forth in General Municipal Law Section 10.

#### **Schedule A**

Schedule of Eligible Securities for Collateralizing Deposits and Investments in Excess of FDIC Coverage (see Investment Policy, Section VIII) [Note: This is not a list of Permitted Investments. Please see Investment Policy, Section X, for Permitted Investments. Moreover, this list is for the purposes of illustration only. Governing Boards, in the exercise of their prudent discretion, must determine which types of eligible securities, authorized by law, to list as permitted.]

<b>“Eligible Securities” for Collateral</b>	For purposes of determining aggregate “market value”, eligible securities shall be valued at these percentages of “market value”:
(i) Obligations issued, or fully insured or guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest, by the United States of America, an agency thereof or a United States government sponsored corporation.	100%
(ii) Obligations issued or fully guaranteed by the international Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the African Development Bank	100%
(iii) obligations partially insured or guaranteed by any agency of the United States of America, at a proportion of the market value of the obligation that represents the amount of the insurance or guaranty.	100%
(iv) Obligations issued or fully insured or guaranteed by the State of New York, obligations issued by a municipal corporation, school district or district corporation of this State or obligations of any public benefit corporation, which under a specific State statute may be accepted as security for deposit of public moneys.	100%
(v) Obligations issued by states (other than the State of New York) of the United States rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.	100% if rated in the highest category; 90% for 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest; 80% for 3 <sup>rd</sup> highest
(vi) Obligations of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.	100% if rated in the highest category; 90% for 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest; 80% for 3 <sup>rd</sup> highest
(vii) Obligations of counties, cities and other governmental entities of another state having the power to levy taxes that are backed by the full faith and credit of such governmental entity and rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.	100% if rated in the highest category; 90% for 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest; 80% for 3 <sup>rd</sup> highest
(viii) Obligations of domestic corporations rated in one of the two highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.	80%
(ix) Any mortgage-related securities, as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which may be purchased by banks under the limitations established by federal bank regulatory agencies.	70%
(x) Commercial paper and bankers’ acceptances issued by a bank (other than the bank with which the money is being deposited or invested) rated in the highest short-term category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization and having maturities of not longer than 60 days from the date they are pledged.	80%
(xi) Zero-coupon obligations of the United States government marketed as “Treasury STRIPS.”	80%

**PROCUREMENT POLICY**

Adopted 1/17/2000 Action #2  
 Amended 5/14/2001 Action #151  
 Amended 5/10/2010 Action #179  
 Amended 1/7/2013 Action #1  
 Amended 1/08/2018 Action #1  
 Amended 1/8/2024 Action #1

**TOWN OF AURORA  
 PROCUREMENT POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law requires every town to adopt internal policies and procedures governing all procurement of goods and services not subject to the bidding requirements of the General Municipal Law, Section 103 or any other law, and

**WHEREAS**, comments have been solicited from those officers of the Town involved with procurement:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Aurora does hereby adopt the following procurement policies and procedures:

**PURPOSE**

Goods and services which are not required by law to be procured pursuant to competitive bidding must be procured in a manner so as to assure the prudent and economical use of public moneys, in the best interests of the taxpayers, to facilitate the acquisition of goods and services of maximum quality at the lowest possible cost under the circumstances, and to guard against favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud and corruption. To further these objectives, the Town Board is adopting internal policies and procedures governing all procurement of goods and services which are not required to be made pursuant to the competitive bidding requirements of General Municipal Law, Section 103, or of any other general, special or local law.

**PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING BIDDING AND PROCUREMENT POLICY**

Guideline 1. Every prospective purchase of goods or service shall be evaluated to determine the applicability of General Municipal Law Section 103. Every Town officer, board, department head or other personnel with the requisite purchasing authority (hereinafter called Purchaser) shall, if appropriate, estimate the cumulative amount of the items of supply or equipment needed in a given fiscal year. The information gathered and conclusions reached shall be documented and kept with the file or other documentation supporting the purchase activity.

Guideline 2. All purchases and public works requests (RFQ's) for bids or quotes of \$3,000.00 or more, but less than \$20,000.00, may be solicited by the Purchaser without having prior Town Board approval. The purchase of goods or services as a result of these RFQ's shall require Town Board approval and authorization prior to the Purchaser procuring the goods or services.

Guideline 3. All purchases of (a) supplies or equipment from a single individual or entity which will equal or exceed \$20,000 in the fiscal year or (b) public works contract equal to or over \$35,000 shall be formally bid pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103.

Guideline 4 – 1. Purchases in the amounts as follows:

A. Under \$1,000 – At the discretion of the Purchaser, provided expense is shown within current year budget allocations(s) and supported by written invoices and signed vouchers. Documented quotes are not required.

B. \$1,000 up to \$3,499 – Requires two (2) documented verbal quotes.

C. \$3,500 up to \$19,999 – Requires written request for a quote (RFQ) and written/faxed quotes from at least three (3) vendors must be provided.

Guideline 4 – 2. Public Works in the amounts as follows:

A. Under \$1,000 – At the discretion of the Purchaser, provided expense is shown within the current year budget allocation(s) and supported by written invoices and signed vouchers. Documented quotes are not required.

B. \$1,000 up to \$3,499 – Requires two (2) documented verbal quotes.

C. \$3,500 up to \$34,999 – Requires written request for quote (RFQ) and written/faxed quotes from at least three (3) contractors/vendors must be provided.

All information gathered in complying with the procedures of this Guideline shall be preserved and filed with the documentation supporting the subsequent purchase or public works contract.

Guideline 5. The lowest responsible proposal or quote shall be awarded the purchase or public works contract unless the Purchaser prepares written justification providing reasons why it is in the best interest of the Town and its taxpayers to make an award to other than the low bidder. If a bidder is not deemed responsible, facts supporting that judgment shall also be documented and filed with the record supporting the procurement. If prices bid or proposed in a quote or response to an RFP are not materially different the Town reserves the right to award any applicable contract to an individual or business residing or located within the Town.

Guideline 6. A good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations. If the Purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations, the Purchaser shall document the attempt made at obtaining the proposals. In no event shall the inability to obtain the proposals or quotes be a bar to the procurement.

Guideline 7. Sets forth the exceptions to the requirements of the Procurement Policy. Except when directed by the Town Board, no solicitation of written proposals or quotations shall be required under the following circumstances:

- a) Acquisition of professional services;
- b) Emergencies;
- c) Sole source situations;
- d) Goods purchased from agencies for the blind or severely handicapped;
- e) Goods purchased from correctional facilities;
- f) Goods purchased from another governmental agency;
- g) Goods purchased at auctions;
- h) Computer software;
- i) Purchases pursuant to state or county bid.

Under the above exceptions, any such purchase or public works contract shall be forwarded to the Town Board for approval and be described and documented as to the reason for its exception from these guidelines and procedures.

Guideline 8. This policy shall be deemed renewed annually by the Board at its organizational meeting unless otherwise determined by the Board.

Guideline 9. Any unintentional failure to fully comply with the provisions of General Municipal Law Section 104-b or the Town Board’s policies and procedures shall not be grounds to void any action taken or given rise to a cause of action against the Town or any officer or employee thereof.

	DOCUMENTED VERBAL QUOTES			WRITTEN QUOTES		COMPETITIVE BIDDING	OTHER
	0	2	Less than 3	2	3 or More		
<b>PURCHASE CONTRACTS</b>							
Under \$1,000	X						
\$1,000 - \$3,499		X					
\$3,500 – \$19,999					X		
\$20,000 and over						X	
<b>CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC WORK</b>							
Under \$1,000	X						
\$1,000 - \$3,499		X					
\$3,500 - \$34,999					X		
\$35,000 and over						X	
<b>EMERGENCIES (must be declared by Town Board)</b>							X
<b>INSURANCE</b>							X
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>							X

**Purchase contracts** involve the acquisition of commodities (Material, Supplies or equipment)

**Public works contracts** involve services, labor, or construction.

**Contracts** that involve both goods and services.

If a contract involves a substantial amount of services and the acquisition of commodities is only incidental to

the work, it should be considered a contract for public work. If the services or labor are minor or incidental to the acquisition of goods, it should be considered a purchase contract.

The above resolution setting forth the Town’s Purchasing Policies and Procedures and guidelines necessary to comply with New York General Municipal Law Section 104-b.

**MEETING/SEMINAR ATTENDANCE APPROVAL POLICY**

**TOWN OF AURORA  
MEETING/SEMINAR ATTENDANCE APPROVAL POLICY**

**BE IT RESOLVED,**

**SECTION 1:**

That during the current year, Town department heads or officials, or their designees, whose expenses have been allowed in the current adopted Budget are hereby authorized to attend the regular luncheon/dinner meetings of the various official organizations relating to their official duties as Town department heads or officials noted below. The cost of such meals shall not exceed \$55.00 per luncheon or dinner. Necessary expenses (mileage and/or tolls) incurred in traveling to or from said are hereby determined a legitimate Town expense for which such officials shall be reimbursed.

- Town Board – Association of Erie County Governments
- Town Clerk – Erie County Town Clerks & Tax Collectors Association; Association of Erie County Governments; NYS Archives Training Seminars
- Assessor – Erie County Assessor’s Association
- Highway Superintendent – Erie County Highway Superintendent’s Association
- Senior Center Director – Erie County Senior Center Director’s Assoc.
- Assessor – Erie County Assessor’s Association
- Building Department - NFBOA

**SECTION 2:**

That during the current year, the Town Assessor or his designee is hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Assessors' Association Annual Training School, Ithaca, NY (Reimbursed by NYS Office of Real Property Services)
- New York State Assessors' Association Conference

**SECTION 3:**

That during the current year, the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer or his designee is hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Building Officials Conference
- Niagara Frontier Building Officials Education Conference
- Stormwater Management Conference

**SECTION 4:**

That during the current year, the Court Clerks are hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Magistrates' Association of Court Clerks

**SECTION 5:**

That during the current year, the Town Justices are hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Magistrates' Association Conference

**SECTION 6:**

That during the current year the Highway Superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways Conference
- New York State Association of Towns Training School and Annual Meeting
- Cornell Local Roads Program For Highway Superintendents
- NYS American Water Works Association training

**SECTION 7:**

That during the current year, the Supervisor and Council Members are hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- Industrial Development conferences as necessary
- Association of Towns Training School
- Association of Towns Finance School
- Chamber of Commerce sponsored meetings and events

**SECTION 8:**

That during the current year, the Recreation Director is hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- NYS Parks and Recreation
- NYS Parks and Trails

**SECTION 9:**

That during the current year, the Town Clerk or her designee is hereby authorized to attend the following educational and training sessions with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Town Clerks' Association Annual Conference
- New York State Archives Seminars
- New York State Town Clerks' Regional Seminars
- New York Association of Tax Receivers and Collectors Annual Conference

**SECTION 10:**

That the Planning Board Chairman and Planning Board Members (including alternates) be permitted to attend the following training and educational session with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Association of Towns Training Schools
- Erie County Department of Planning sponsored training schools

**SECTION 11:**

That the Zoning Board Chairman and Zoning Board Members (including alternates) be permitted to attend the following training and educational session with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- New York State Association of Towns Training Schools
- Erie County Department of Planning sponsored training schools

**SECTION 12:**

That the Dog Control Officer be permitted to attend the following training and educational session with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- NYS Agriculture and Markets Animal Control Seminar

**SECTION 13:**

That the Town Historian be permitted to attend the following training and educational session with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- Government Appointed Historians of WNY Meeting/Conference

**SECTION 14:**

That the Bookkeeper (Assistant to Supervisor) and/or Secretary to the Supervisor be permitted to attend the following training and educational session with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- NYS Association of Towns Finance School
- NYS Comptroller's Retirement Training

**SECTION 15:**

That the Aurora Senior Center Recreation Leader and/or Director be permitted to attend the following training and educational session with reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses hereby authorized upon presentation of receipts:

- Network in Aging Seminar/Conference

**SECTION 16:**

That during the current year all Town officials and employees be and hereby are authorized to be paid \$0.670 per mile for the use of their personal automobiles on all Town business.

**SECTION 17:**

That all conferences, seminars, lectures and meetings not falling within a pattern of regular attendance and not listed in this resolution, and **not exceeding \$400.00** in reimbursable expenses, including mileage reimbursement, may be approved for attendance by the Supervisor pursuant to Section 77-b of General Municipal Law. Conferences, seminars, lectures and meetings, not listed in this resolution, and/or **exceeding \$400.00** and/or **overnight travel in any amount** shall require the approval of the Town Board.

**SECTION 18:**

That all expenses incurred, including but not limited to meals, mileage, and lodging, will not exceed that amount which is budgeted in each department's expense and travel and/or mileage lines for the current year's budget.

Councilman McCann moved to approve and adopt the 2025 Organizational Chart. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four                      noes – none                      Motion carried.

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Action #1  
2025 Org  
Chart aprvd  
& adopted



Councilman Wrazen moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the December 23, 2024 meeting minutes and the December 31, 2024 Prepaid Abstract of Claims, vouchers 1623 to 1625, to be paid from the following funds:

General	\$ 13,126.12
Highway/DB	<u>2,407.87</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 15,533.99

And the January 13, 2025 – 2024 Encumbered Abstract of Claims, vouchers 1626 to 1672, to be paid from the following funds:

General	\$ 15,917.27
Part Town	354.50
Highway/DB	13,768.17
Special Districts	<u>\$ 3,845.67</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 33,885.61

Action #2  
 12/23/24  
 minutes &  
 12/31/24;  
 1/13/25-24  
 encumbered;  
 1/13/25  
 abstracts  
 aprvd

And the January 13, 2025 Abstract of Claims, vouchers 1 – 59, to be paid from the following funds:

General	\$ 70,577.96
Part Town	1,800.00
Highway/DB	35,864.78
Trust/Agency	<u>\$ 284.86</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$108,527.60

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

AUDIENCE I:

The following persons addressed the Board regarding the tree trimming/cutting that is being done by O’Connell Electric on behalf of GoNetSpeed:

Holly Maciejewski, Center Street – wants a pause to the project and a list of people they talked to about the tree cutting.

Robert Sworda, Woodside, doesn’t see the value of destroying nature for hi-speed internet.

Jeff Miranda, Maple, has three trees that would need trimming; noted that utilities on Highland Dr. are underground.

Evan Rodan, Grover Rd., if lines were underground there would be no poles.

Ashley Curry, Maple Rd., stated we have to plan for the future as this isn’t the only project that will affect our trees – more electricity means more disruption to trees.

Alicia Wittmann, Walnut St., commented on clean-up, remediation for creosote from poles that are removed.

Don Vidler, Geneva Rd./local business owner, no one has said “what a great job they’ve done”, the work they did on the trees on East Main Street looks bad.

Jeanette D., noted that the Mandala School was not informed of the tree trimming and it took place while parents were picking up their children.

Kim Zern, Chestnut Hill, noted that they did a good job when they trimmed the tree on her property.

Steve Bjella, S. Park Pl., asked who decided the community needed this (internet) service and how the Town Board can limit this in the future.

Wilson Curry, Sweet Rd., noted that the trees on East Main Street were badly hacked. Asked if the company experienced this backlash in any other communities.

Jesse Griffis, Boies Rd., asked where the 10’/10’/15’ tree trimming specifications come from and why trimming is being done on all lines, not just around the primary lines.

Jen Brazill, Blake Hill, is concerned about answers after the fact and why don’t we have a say in the project, noting that right of way laws are antiquated.

Melissa A., Olean St., considers the Village to be her home and they are destroying her home; feels they underestimated how we’d react.

Fritz Hoffman, Blakeley Rd., noted his father started the first Tree Board in this area; asked why we have to accept the GNS service in this area and what gives them the right to do what they are doing to the trees.

Michele Bjella, S. Park Pl., thanked the Board for this detailed discussion. Noted the following need to be considered: what trees do for us, economic impact and health issues from pole chemicals left in the ground.

Nancy Smith, Sycamore St., noted some trees in the Village are over 200 years old. Mrs. Smith stated that good communication is key and wants to know more about the 10'/10'/15' standards.

Josh Asaad, Gypsy Ln., noted the easements should be looked at closely.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman McCann moved to set 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 27, 2025 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave., East Aurora, NY as the time, date and place for a public hearing on a proposed Local Law to rezone 1686 Davis Rd., 1688 Davis Rd., and vacant lot SBL#199.01-3-8.11 Davis Road from R1 to C2. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #3  
Public hrg set  
for LL to  
rezone 1686-  
1688 Davis

Councilman McCann moved to set 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 27, 2025 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave., East Aurora, NY as the time, date and place for a public hearing on a proposed Local Law to rezone 397 Old Glenwood Road, West Falls from R1 to C1. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #4  
Public hrg set  
for LL to  
rezone 397  
Old  
Glenwood

Councilman Wrazen moved to set 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at the Aurora Town Clerk's Office at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave., East Aurora, NY as the time, date and place for a bid opening for PINS 5763.87 and 5763.88 – Replacement of the Church Street and East Fillmore Culverts over Tannery Brook, at which time bids will be opened and read. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #5  
Bid opening  
for Church St  
& E Fillmore  
culvert  
replacement  
set

NEW BUSINESS:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting a transfer from Highway fund balance to cover the cost of a leaf vacuum that was previously approved. Due to the DEC Grant award being delayed, 2024 budget line DB5130.217 is in a deficit.

Action #6  
Hwy fund  
balance  
transfer aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the following budget amendment to transfer \$97,295.68 from Highway DB Fund balance to 2024 budget line DB5130.217. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Wrazen moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the amendment extending the GHD Consulting Services, Inc. agreement for general engineering and planning board services for one year (January 1 – December 31, 2025) under the same terms of \$500 monthly engineering retainer and planning board services not to exceed \$10,000. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #7  
Supv auth to  
sign GHD  
agreement for  
engineering  
svcs

Councilman Wochensky moved to accept a \$1500.00 donation to the Aurora Senior Center from the Aurora Vietnam Veterans, to be used toward the purchase of a new treadmill for the Senior Center. Funds will be deposited to TA1000.0090. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #8  
\$1500  
donation for  
SrCtr aprvd

Jessica Nalbone spoke to the Board about the traffic situation on Hubbard Road, noting that there are blind curves, no shoulders in some spots and less than two lanes wide in other spots. Ms. Nalbone stated that people aren't speeding, just that 45mph is too fast for that road.

Action #9  
TE-9 speed study authorized for Hubbard Rd

Councilman McCann moved to authorize a TE-9 speed study for Hubbard Road. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman McCann moved to approve the following 2024 Recreation Budget amendment:

Action #10  
2024 Rec budget amendment aprvd

Increase revenue line A2056 Youth Ed Programs by \$5,730.00  
Increase appropriation line A7310.400.1 Youth Ed Vendor \$5,730.00  
Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Wrazen moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Architectural/Engineering Consultant Agreement with Azar Design Co., PC, for NYSDOT PIN 5765.54 – Shearer Ave. over Tannery Brook culvert replacement. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #11  
Supv auth to sign consultant agreement with Azar for Shearer Ave culvert proj

Councilman McCann moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Architectural/Engineering Consultant Agreement with Azar Design Co., PC, for NYSDOT PIN 5765.55 – Cornwall Rd. over Cazenovia Creek culvert replacement. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #12  
Supv auth to sign consultant agreement with Azar for Cornwall Rd culvert proj

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve a Temporary Use Permit to the East Aurora Lions to use the equestrian park area of the Town managed side of Knox Farm State Park for a drive-thru chicken BBQ on May 11, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #13  
TUP for EA Lions chicken BBQ at KFSP aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve a Temporary Use Permit to John Cimperman and 42 North Brewing Company to use the parking lot on the Town managed side of Knox Farm State Park for parking for the Brewski event to be held on February 15, 2025. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #14  
TUP for Brewski event parking at KFSP

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Town Clerk – 2024 Annual Report
- Town Clerk/Tax – December 2024 report
- Town Clerk/Water – December 2024 report
- Town Clerk – December 2024 report
- Senior Center – December 2024 report
- Building Dept. – December 2024 report
- Work Requisition – December 2024 report
- AOT of NY – training school notice
- L. Lorigo letter re: Senior Center funding
- Supervisor – December 2024 report

#### BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman Wrazen stated that the park trail markers are being reconsidered and noted the following dates for the Comprehensive Plan: 1/23 – steering committee meeting; 2/11 regular

meeting; 2/26 public work shop at the East Aurora high school cafeteria. Surveys are still being accepted until the end of February.

Councilman Wochensky stated that the Climate Smart initiatives should be discussed at a work session.

Councilman McCann stated that the Governor signed a law that requires all municipalities to use .gov. for their websites.

Supervisor Snyder stated he attended a recent Central Police Services meeting.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Chris Musshafen stated his department is planning summer programs and the credit card program is going smoothly with just a few hiccups.

Police Chief Welch gave an update on the airplane crash that occurred a few weeks ago in the Town.

At 8:43 p.m. Supervisor Snyder moved to go into executive session to discuss a litigation matter, with no action to be taken during the session. Seconded by Councilman Wochensky. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #15  
Board enters  
exec session

Councilman McCann moved to come out of executive session at 9:02 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #16  
Board exits  
exec session

Councilman Wrazen moved to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #17  
Meeting  
adjourned

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk