

February 24, 2025

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, February 24, 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 YouTube.

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| 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 |
|                 | Paul Ernst         | ZBA Chairman             |
|                 | Rod Simeone        | ZBA Member               |
|                 | Douglas Crow       | Planning Board Chairman  |
|                 | Patrick Welch      | Chief of Police          |

Supervisor Snyder opened the meeting at 6:30 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 request for a Special Use Permit for a Dwelling Group (two or more dwellings on a parcel) at 145 Reiter Road, East Aurora, NY. Supervisor Snyder opened the hearing at 6:31 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to comment.

Daniell Johnson of Crafted Concepts Architecture, agent for the applicant Kathleen Miller, spoke to the Board about the proposal. Ms. Johnson stated that they are fitting out the second floor of an existing structure with a 1300 square foot apartment with three bedrooms and one bathroom. The proper setbacks exist if the dwelling were to be split from the larger parcel. Ms. Johnson said that the apartment will be used by the caretaker of the property. The parcel is 71 acres and includes a residence, a horse barn and a cow barn.

Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy stated this is a separate building from the house and it meets the Code requirements for a dwelling group. Hearing no further comments, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Councilman McCann moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the February 10, 2025 meeting minutes and the February 24, 2025 – 2024 Encumbered Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers 1705 to 1789 and PCard voucher number 175, to be paid from the following funds:

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| General              | \$ 10,117.93        | Action #59 |
| Part Town            | 1,793,434.00        | 2/10/25    |
| Highway/DB           | 2,086.60            | minutes;   |
| Special Districts    | <u>\$ 68,203.18</u> | 2/24/25    |
| Grand Total Abstract | \$ 1,873,841.71     | abstracts  |
|                      |                     | aprvd      |

And the February 24, 2025 Abstract of Claims, consisting of PCard voucher number 176 and vouchers 177 – 247, to be paid from the following funds:

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| General              | \$ 64,105.38         |
| Part Town            | 72.38                |
| Highway/DB           | 48,786.23            |
| Capital H7           | 6,547.12             |
| Trust/Agency         | 613,856.50           |
| Special Districts    | <u>\$ 584,548.26</u> |
| Grand Total Abstract | \$1,317,915.87       |

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

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Wrazen moved to set 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2025 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave., E. Aurora, as the time, date and place for a public hearing on a proposed local law to rezone 1342 Quaker Road, E. Aurora, from RR (rural residential) to C1 (commercial). Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.  
(Note: a public hearing on this issue was originally set at the 2/10/25 meeting, but due to a typo in the notice sent for publishing, the hearing needed to be reset.)

Action #60  
Public hearing reset for LL to rezone 1342 Quaker Rd

Councilman McCann moved to approve payment no. 2 to Azar Design Co. (formerly Foit Albert) in the amount of \$5,898.16 for professional services rendered from January 1 to January 31, 2025 for the Cornwall Road culvert replacement project. Funds will be disbursed from H7 5120.210. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #61  
Pymt #2 to Azar for Cornwall culvert proj

A bid opening for the Church Street and East Fillmore culverts replacement project was held on February 12, 2025. Six bids were received:

- o Oakgrove Construction Co. \$1,557,548.02
- o Ground Breaking Solutions LLC 1,563,484.90
- o D&H Excavating 1,572,382.50
- o Ed Bauer Construction Corp. 1,621,689.41
- o J. Bognar Construction LLC 1,736,167.05
- o Occhino Corp. 1,835,250.85

Church St & E Fillmore culvert project bid results

Councilman Wrazen moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Bid Opening, Verification and Sponsor Recommendation letters in support of the Church Street and East Fillmore Culverts over Tannery Brook bid award noting that Oakgrove Construction Co. is the lowest responsible bidder. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #62  
Supv auth to sign recommendation ltrs for Church & E Fillmore project

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Snyder moved to amend the agenda by adding Item 6K - the placement of Narcan distribution boxes. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #63  
Item 6K – Narcan box placement added to agenda

Councilman McCann moved to approve a Temporary Use Permit to Borderland Music Festival/Jennifer Brazill to use the Town managed side of Knox Farm State Park for parking for the 2025 Borderland Music Festival on September 12 to September 14, 2025, contingent upon receipt of certificate of insurance. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #64  
TUP for Borderland Music Fest aprvd

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve a Temporary Use Permit to Lancaster Depew Soccer Club/Michelle Fath to use the Town managed side of Knox Farm State Park for a soccer tournament on July 25 to July 27, 2025. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #65  
TUP for LDSC soccer tournament aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to approve payment of \$8,679.93 to Frey Heavy Duty, Inc., for an emergency repair (new rear end components) for plow truck #329. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #66  
 Pymt for  
 plow trk  
 #329  
 emergency  
 repair aprvd

Councilman Wrazen moved to rescind Town Board Action #245 from the July 8, 2024 Town Board meeting, that had approved the purchase of a 2024 Freightliner/Bucher street sweeper for \$268,900.00, and to approve the purchase of a 2025 Johnstone/Bucher street sweeper, with optional catch basin hose, off Sourcewell Contract #093021-BUC for \$288,900.00. Funds will be disbursed from DB5130.217. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #67  
 7/8/24  
 Action #245  
 rescinded &  
 purch of  
 2025 street  
 sweep aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to approve the following new water rates for Town of Aurora private line water customers effective for the first quarter water use billing of 2025 based on rate increases by the Erie County Water Authority:

| Private road/line | O&A New rate | Infrastructure New rate | R&M (no increase) | Minimum water use New rate | Minimum total New rate |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Center/WestGate   | \$20.61      | \$20.09                 | \$25.00           | \$26.26                    | \$91.96                |
| Mitchell          | \$20.61      | \$17.53                 | \$25.00           | \$23.43                    | \$86.57                |
| Hickory (Sanford) | \$20.61      | \$32.14                 | \$25.00           | \$42.42                    | \$120.17               |
| Mary Jane Ln      | \$20.61      | \$32.14                 | \$25.00           | \$42.42                    | \$120.17               |
| South Herrick     | \$20.61      | \$86.09                 | \$25.00           | \$114.33                   | \$246.03               |

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

Action #68  
 2025 water  
 rates for  
 private line  
 customers  
 aprvd

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve the following 2024 year-end budget transfer and budget amendment:

From: DB5142.100 Snow removal payroll \$7,280.00  
 To: DB5142.449 Snow removal materials/supplies \$7,280.00

Increase revenue line ZP2140 Metered water sales by \$3,369.00  
 Increase appropriation line ZP8320.401 supply/power/pump by \$3,369.00

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

Action #69  
 2024 YE  
 budget  
 transfer &  
 amendment  
 Aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to appoint Benjamin Garvey, 86 Glenridge Road, E. Aurora, as an Alternate Planning Board member for the term of 2/24/2025 through 12/31/2025. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #70  
 Ben Garvey  
 appt alt  
 Planning brd  
 member

Councilman Wrazen moved to request that the Town Attorney prepare a Local Law for the following amendments to the Town Code as proposed by Code Enforcement:

Add the following:

65-A(4) Any work not in conformity with the provisions of an application, plans, specifications, or required amendment to, of which a building permit was issued.

65-A(5) Any work in association with an approved building permit where construction continues past a failed or incomplete inspection.

116-85B(4) Agricultural zoning permits shall only be issued for properties with agricultural land use as defined in New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25-AA, either in an Agricultural District or properties with an agricultural assessment.

Action #71  
Twn Atty to  
prepare LL  
to amend  
zoning code  
Chpt 65 &  
Chpt 116

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

Councilman McCann moved to request the Town Attorney prepare a Local Law for a six-month moratorium on rezoning property in the Town. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:  
ayes – four                      noes – none                      Motion carried.

Action #72  
Twn Atty to  
prepare LL  
for rezoning  
moratorium

Councilman Wrazen moved to discontinue the live stream coordinator stipend currently received by Elizabeth Wilber effective immediately. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:  
ayes – four                      noes – none                      Motion carried.

Action #73  
Live stream  
coordinator  
stipend  
ended

Supervisor Snyder moved to approve the Aurora Municipal Center, Aurora Town Library (Main Street) and the West Falls Library-Community Center as locations for installation of Narcan distribution boxes. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four  
noes – none                      Motion carried.

Action #74  
Narcan  
boxes to be  
placed at 3  
Twn bldgs

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Town Clerk/Tax – January 2025 report
- Town Clerk/Water – January 2025 report
- Dog Control – January 2025 report
- Recreation Director – January 2025 report
- Work requisitions – January 2025 report
- EAPD – January 2025 report
- Supervisor – January 2025 report

#### BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman Granville stated he and Councilmen Wochensky and Wrazen attended the Climate Smart Community Task Force meeting and noted that they are considering a number of projects to help advance to Silver status. Mr. Granville also mentioned that he would like to make public buildings greener.

Councilman Wrazen reminded everyone about the Comprehensive Plan Open House at the East Aurora High School on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Snyder stated that if anyone wants to participate in a Town Board meeting via Zoom, they need to email the Supervisor by noon the day of the meeting.

Councilman McCann noted that three individuals were interviewed for the Planning Alternate position.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Police Chief Welch noted that his officers will soon be carrying “leave behind kits” that contain Narcan and are being provided by Central Police Services. He also stated that the Village is in need of part-time crossing guards and anyone interested should contact Darlene Williamson at the Police Department.

Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy stated that in January 2025 the NYSDEC freshwater wetlands regulations changed.

Rod Simeone, ZBA members, asked about the status of the proposed change to the Town Code regarding in-law apartments. The response was that the finalized version needs to go back to the review committee and then to the Town Board, Town Attorney and possibly the Planning Board.

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| Councilman McCann moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.         | Seconded by     | Action #75 |
| Councilman Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four | noes – none     | Meeting    |
|   | Motion carried. | adjourned  |

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk