

September 23, 2024

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, September 23, 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:	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Raymond M. Wrazen	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
Others Present:	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Douglas Crow	Planning Board Chairman
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	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 item on the agenda was a Public Hearing on a site plan application from Alex Handley for a residence on an Open Development Area Lot at 2271 Lapham Road, East Aurora, NY. Supervisor Snyder opened the hearing at 6:32 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to comment.

Alex Handley, property owner, stated a revised site plan for the location of the residence was presented. Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy stated that the revised plan does not disturb more than an acre, so a stormwater plan is not necessary.

Supervisor Snyder asked if anyone else wished to comment. Hearing no one, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the September 9, 2024 meeting minutes and the September 23, 2024 Abstract of Claims vouchers 1173 to 1238 to be paid from the following funds:

General	\$174,980.38	Action #306
Part Town	40.00	9/9 minutes;
Highway/DA	7,847.44	9/23/24
Highway/DB	33,687.63	abstract of
Trust/Agency	405.84	claims aprvd
Special Districts	<u>104,948.25</u>	
Grand Total Abstract	\$321,909.54	

Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – three noes – none abstain – one (Wochensky)

Motion carried.

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Town Board reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form: Part 2 for 1843 and 1863 Davis Road, PO West Falls, NY, determining that answer to all eleven questions is “No, or small impact may occur.”

Councilman Wochensky moved to adopt the following resolution; seconded by Councilman Wrazen:

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Aurora declares itself lead agency with regard to SEQR for the Site Plan application for a parking lot and partial building demolition at 1843 and 1863 Davis Road; and further

RESOLVED that after considering the action stated herein, reviewing the criteria contained in Section 617.11 of the Rules and Regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, determines that the action is an Unlisted action; and further

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Aurora has determined that this Unlisted action will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared; and further

Action #307
Negative
declaration
issued for
1843&1863
Davis site
plan

RESOLVED that a negative declaration is issued with regard to the Site Plan for 1843 and 1863 Davis Road.

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – three noes – none
abstain – one (Granville)

Motion carried.

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Councilman Wrazen moved to adopt the following resolution; seconded by Councilman Wochensky:

RESOLUTION APPROVING SITE PLAN
1843 and 1863 Davis Road (aka: Rte. 240)
TOWN OF AURORA, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, William Panzica, owner of record of 1843 and 1863 Davis Road has applied for a Site Plan Review for 1843 Davis Road (SBL# 199.03-1-6.1) and 1863 Davis Road (SBL#199.03-1-7), PO West Falls, Town of Aurora, NY; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Panzica plans to demolish a portion of an existing garage located at 1843 Davis Road and replace the existing stone and gravel parking lot with an asphalt parking lot at 1843 and 1863 Davis Road, including storm water management; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Aurora Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Town Board approve the Site Plan contingent on the Town receiving signed and stamped drawings of the project, NYSDOT approval of the drawings; connection of the middle and east driving lanes at the north end of the proposed parking lot; and addressing Town Code Chapter 116.8.18 D(4) West Falls Overlay Screening; and

WHEREAS, the contingent items were received and/or addressed; and

WHEREAS, this is an Unlisted action under SEQRA and after reviewing and completing Part 2 of the Short Environmental Assessment form for the project, the Town Board found that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Chapter 95 of the Code of the Town of Aurora, the Town Board approves the site plan for 1843 Davis Road (SBL#199.03-1-6.1) and 1863 Davis Road (SBL#199.03-1-7), PO West Falls, Town of Aurora, New York, for an asphalt parking lot, including demolition of a portion of an existing garage, in accordance with the plans submitted.

Action #308
Parking lot
site plan for
1843&1863
Davis aprvd

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – three noes – none
abstain – one (Granville)

Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Granville moved to amend the agenda by adding items 6X- auction results and 6Y – mini bid results under new business.

Action #309
Items 6X &
6Y added to
agenda

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

Motion carried.

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the following budget amendment to record the receipt of JCAP funds:

Action #310
JCAP budget
amendment
aprvd

- Increase revenue line A3389 Justice Court Assistance by \$22,535
- Increase appropriation line A1110.401 Office supplies by \$22,535

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

Motion carried.

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve the use of Debt Reserve funds for the \$877.50 interest payment to Greene County Commercial Bank for the Glead Avenue Parking Lot Bond payment due 10/15/2024. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #311
 Use of Debt reserve for Glead parking lot bond aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to declare a Vision treadmill (serial no. TM4452121BC00057; Town ID 2116) from the Senior Center as surplus inventory to be disposed of. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #312
 SrCtr treadmill declared surplus inventory

Erie County is currently sponsoring the replacement of kitchen ranges at various Senior Centers and will be replacing the current 23-year old range at the Aurora Senior Center with one of the new units.

Action #313
 SrCtr Vulcan range declared surplus inventory

Councilman Wrazen moved to declare a Vulcan range (model no. 60LML52952; Town ID 1809) as surplus inventory to be removed when the new range is delivered. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Granville moved to add the following Orchard Park delinquent water bills for Town of Aurora customers to the 2025 Erie County Tax rolls, in accordance with Town Law Article 12 Section 198, for non-payment; seconded by Councilman Wochensky:

<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Billing Customer</u>	<u>Service Address</u>	<u>Billing Source and Amount</u>
Adimey, Sharon	Same	1319 Jewett Holmwood SBL#174.13-2-1	Orchard Park \$73.91
Glass, Edwin	Same	4727 Transit Rd SBL#174.03-2-7	Orchard Park \$118.71
Mills, David	Same	4649 Transit Rd SBL#174.03-2-2	Orchard Park \$126.86

Action #314
 Orch Park delinquent water bills added to 2025 tax roll

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes -none Motion carried.

Councilman Wochensky moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Local Sponsor Concurrence (Approval Sheet) for the Initial Project Proposals for the following BridgeNY culvert and bridge replacement projects:

Action #315
 Supv auth to sign IPP docs for 3 new bridge/culvert projects

- Cornwall Road over Cazenovia Creek tributary (culvert)
- Shearer Ave. over Tannery Brook (culvert)
- Brooklea Dr. over Tannery Brook (bridge)

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

Councilman Wrazen moved to set 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave., E. Aurora, NY, as the time, date and place for a public hearing regarding the use of Federal Community Development (CDBG) funds in the Town of Aurora. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #316
 Public hrg for CDBG funds set for 10/15/2024

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the following persons as members of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee: Nancy Burkhardt (ZBA member); Angela Griffis (Planning Board member); Dale Morris (Open Space Committee member); Susan Russell (Climate Smart Committee); Daniel Castle (Erie County Environment & Planning); Robert

(Bob) Morgan (local businessman); Raymond Wrazen (Town Councilman); and Charles Snyder (Town Supervisor). Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #317
Comp Plan
steering
committee
aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to accept a \$3,425.00 donation from an anonymous donor, to be used toward the bands for the 2024 July 3rd celebration. The funds will be deposited to A2080.1. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #318
\$3,425
donation for
7/3/24 bands
accepted

Councilman Wochensky moved to change Dorothy Bailey's civil service title from Clerk PT Seasonal to Clerk PT effective September 23, 2024. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #319
D. Bailey
civil svc title
changed to
Clerk PT

As part of the NY Forward grant, the Town is planning on improvements to several Town properties in West Falls. Improvements to the library/community center will involve septic upgrades that are not covered by the grant. The Town received two proposals regarding septic system upgrade design for the Town's property (West Falls-Colden Community Library) at 1966 Davis Road, West Falls:

Fontanese Folts Aubrecht & Ernst	\$7,500.00
Schenne & Associates	\$5,000.00

Supervisor Snyder noted that while the Schenne quote is less than FFAE's quote, there were many services that were excluded from the amount quoted, but would be provided at additional cost.

Action #320
FFAE
proposal for
WF library
septic design
aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the septic system replacement design proposal for the West Falls-Colden Community Library from Fontanese Folts Aubrecht Ernst Architects, P.C., 6395 W. Quaker Road, Orchard Park, NY, in the amount of \$7,500.00. Funds will be disbursed from ARPA funds (A7110.454). Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve Michael Evens attending the Category Six Right-of-Way Recertification training workshop at Cornell University, Auburn, NY, on October 10-11, 2024. Fees/expenses (registration \$85, hotel \$77.90, and meals) will be disbursed from A7110.444. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #321
M. Evens to
attend right-
of-way
recertification
workshop

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve the following:
- Accept the resignation of Valerie Venturo, Secretary to Supervisor, effective immediately;
- Appoint Jennifer Calkins as Secretary to Supervisor at \$20.03/hour effective October 7, 2024 (Jennifer is currently the Assessor PT Exemption Clerk);
- Hire Brenda Stanbro, 1652 Mill Road, as the PT Exemption Clerk in the Assessor's office at \$18.03/hour effective October 7, 2024;
- Hire former PT Exemption Clerk Kathy Eckert as an independent contractor at \$20.00/hour effective October 7, 2024 to help train Brenda Stanbro. Funds for this will be disbursed from A1355.416 PT Contractual; and
- Budget amendment: Add A1355.416 PT Contractual and increase that line by \$600. Decrease A1355.107 Star Program Clerk by \$600.
Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #322
V. Venturo
resignation
accepted; J
Calkins appt
– secy to
supv aprvd; B
Stanbro appt
PT clerk -
assessor ofc
aprvd; K
Eckert to
train B.
Stanbro

Councilman Granville moved to approve the Temporary Use Permit for Earth Spirit Educational Services, Inc., PO Box 261 Orchard Park, NY, to conduct educational programs (for the public, home school and school groups) at JP Nicely West Falls Park on:

- October 19, 2024 10:00a.m. – 12:30p.m.
- January 13, 2025 1:00p.m. – 3:00p.m.
- February 24, 2025 1:00p.m. – 3:00p.m.
- May 28, 2025 9:30a.m. – 1:30p.m.
- May 29, 2025 9:30a.m. – 1:30p.m.
- June 30, 2025 1:00p.m. – 3:00p.m.

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

Action #323
TUP for
Earth Spirit
to hold
programs at
WF Park
aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the Temporary Use Permit for the J.R. West Falls CX (Cyclocross) cycling event (c/o Alan Zawadzki) to be held at JP Nicely West Falls Park on Sunday, November 10, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none

Motion carried.

Action #324
TUP for
Cyclocross at
WF Park
aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to refer the petition to rezone vacant land on Davis Road (SBL#174.00-3-5.111) from Rural Residential and Agricultural to C2 Commercial for a proposed soccer field complex to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s). Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none

Motion carried.

Action #325
v/l Davis Rd
rezoning
petition sent
to Plnng Brd

Councilman Wrazen moved to refer the application for a Special Use Permit for a Bed and Breakfast/short-term rental at 140 Jewett Holmwood Road to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s). Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none

Motion carried.

Action #326
SUP for bnb
at 140 Jewett
Holmwood
sent to Plnng
Brd

Councilman Wrazen moved to refer the application for a Special Use Permit for an Airbnb short-term rental at 59 Cook Road to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s). Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none

Motion carried.

Action #327
SUP for
short-term
rental sent to
Plnng Brd

Councilman Wochensky moved to receive the 2025 Tentative Budget from the Town Clerk. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none

Motion carried.

Action #328
2025
Tentative
budget
received from
Clerk

Councilman Wrazen moved to cancel the Budget meeting scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on September 25, 2024 and instead, meet on October 30, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave., East Aurora. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:

ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #329
9/25/24
budget mtg
cancelled

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve the results from the Auctions International auction for the following surplus inventory items:

2014 Scag mower (parks)	\$ 3,650.00
2011 Kubota tractor (parks)	11,200.00
1979 Marquette welder (parks)	27.00

3-point landscape rake (parks) \$ 230.00
Post hole digger (hwy) 390.00
Misc. screw guns (parks) 25.00
Chainsaw (hwy)/chainsaw and
Pole saw (parks) 280.00
Leaf blower (hwy) and
Trimmer (parks) 26.00

Action #330
Results from
surplus
inventory
auction aprvd

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

Councilman Granville moved to accept the low bid of \$60,787.80 from the NYS OGS Mini-bid contract PC68978 from Delacy Ford for a new, 2025 Ford F150 Lightning pickup truck. Funds for the truck will come from NYSERDA grants and from funds secured from the auction of surplus inventory. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #331
Low mini-bid
from Delacy
for EV
pickup truck
accepted

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Building Department – August 2024 report
- Senior Center – August 2024 report
- EAPD – August 2024 report
- Supervisor – August 2024 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS: none

AUDIENCE II:

Supervisor Snyder read from an email submitted by Evan Roden supporting the Cyclocross event and noting concerns about the proposed crosswalk on Davis Road in West Falls.

STAFF REPORTS:

Planning Board Chairman Douglas Crow noted that the NY Forward Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for 9/24/2024 at the West Falls Firehall.

Councilman Wrazen moved to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Granville. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #332
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk