

February 10, 2025

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, February 10, 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.

Present:	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Raymond M. Wrazen	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Joseph McCann	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.

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the January 22 work session and January 27, 2025 meeting minutes and the February 10, 2025 – 2024 Encumbered Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers 1689 to 1704, to be paid from the following funds:

General	\$ 8,090.80	Action #43
Highway/DB	7,689.78	1/27/25
Capital/H7	36,518.61	minutes;
Special Districts	<u>\$ 2,077.70</u>	2/10/25
Grand Total Abstract	\$54,376.89	abstracts
		aprvd

And the February 10, 2025 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers 105 – 174, to be paid from the following funds:

General	\$ 13,641.61
Highway/DB	38,162.06
Fire Protection	4,123.44
Trust/Agency	572.79
Special Districts	<u>\$158,130.20</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 214,630.10

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

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Local Law to rezone 1686 Davis Road, 1688 Davis Road and vacant lot SBL#199.01-3-8.11 Davis Road, PO West Falls, will not result in any adverse environmental impacts as it does not involve physical alteration of land and therefore for purposes of SEQRA a negative declaration is issued.

Action #44
Neg SEQR
declaration
for LL to
rezone 1686-
1688 Davis

Upon a vote being taken: eyes – four noes – none Motion carried

Councilman Wrazen moved to adopt the following Local Law; seconded by Councilman Granville:

**TOWN OF AURORA
LOCAL LAW 1 - 2025**

A LOCAL LAW, TO AMEND LOCAL LAW 1-1990 KNOWN AS “THE CODES OF THE TOWN OF AURORA”, ADOPTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AURORA ON JANUARY 22, 1990, TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AURORA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

This Local Law amends a prior Local Law known as “The Town of Aurora Code” adopted by the Town of Aurora on January 22, 1990, as amended, relating to the administrative, legislative and general legislation of Codes within the Town of Aurora as therein set forth. This Local Law will amend the boundaries of the Zone Map to transfer the described properties at their present locations the R-1 Zoning District to C-2 Zoning District to accommodate the uses contained herein, or its successors.

SECTION 2. SECTION 116-6, ZONE MAP

Section 116-6(A), Zone Map, of the Codes of the Town of Aurora is amended to place transfer and place the following described properties from their present classification as R-1 Zoning Districts to a C-2 Zoning District:

(SBL 199.01-3-10 parcel A)

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, located in the Town of Aurora, County of Erie and State of New York, being part of Lot 50, Township 9, Range 6 of the Holland Land Company’s survey, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the center line of New Davis Road at the intersection of the north line of premises conveyed to Haas by deed recorded in Liber 1458 of Deeds at Page 464; thence easterly along the north line of lands so conveyed to Haas by said deed, 285 feet more or less to the center of Buffalo Creek; thence southerly along the center of said Buffalo Creek a distance of 17 feet to a point; thence westerly on a line parallel with the first described line a distance of 285 feet more or less to the center line of New Davis Road at a point on the center line of New Davis Road a distance of 17 feet south of the point of beginning; thence northerly along the center line of New Davis Road a distance of 17 feet to the point of beginning.

(SBL 199.01-3-10 Parcel B)

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, located in the Town of Aurora, County of Erie and State of New York, being part of Lot 50, Township 9, Range 6 of the Holland Land Company’s survey, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING in the center line of New Davis Road at its intersection with the north line of lands conveyed to Anna Haas by deed recorded in the Erie County Clerk’s Office in Liber 1458 of Deeds at age 464; thence easterly along the lands so conveyed to Anna Haas, 285 feet more or less to the center line of Buffalo Creek; thence northeasterly along the center line of Buffalo Creek, 120 feet more or less, to the southeast corner of premises conveyed to John R. Herbst and Isabelle Herbst, his wife, by deed recorded in the Erie County Clerk’s Office in Liber 6882 of Deeds at Page 613; thence westerly along the south line of lands to conveyed to John R. Herbst and wife, and continuing along the south line of lands conveyed to John R. Herbst and wife, by deed recorded in the Erie County Clerk’s Office in Liber 6632 of Deeds at Page 323, 285 feet, more or less, to the center line of New Davis Road; thence southwest along the center line of New Davis Road, 188.9 feet, more or less to the point of beginning.

(SBL 199.01-3-9)

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situated in the Town of Aurora, County of Erie and State of New York being part of great Lot No. (50) fifty, Township (9) nine, and Range (6) six of the Holland Company’s Survey, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the center line of the New Davis Road at a distance of four hundred and fifty-five (455) feet, measured along said centerline, southerly from the south line of lands formerly owned by Robert Moyle, running thence Easterly at an interior angle of eighty-nine degrees and thirty-seven minutes, (89° - 37'), between two existing buildings, eighty-five (85) feet; running thence Northerly, parallel with said center line, one hundred (100) feet; running thence Westerly at an interior angle of eighty-nine degrees and thirty-seven minutes (89° - 37') eighty-five (85) feet to the center line of said highway; and running thence Southerly along said center line one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning.

The Westerly thirty-three (33) feet of above described premises (that portion lying with the highway) are excepted from this conveyance.

SUBJECT to all covenants, easements and restrictions of record, if any.

(SBL #199.01-3-8.11)

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the Town of Aurora, County of Erie and State of New York, being part of Lot No. Fifty (50), Township nine (9), Range six (6) of the Holland Land Company's Survey, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point being the southeast corner of lands conveyed to John R. Herbst and wife by deed recorded in the Erie County Clerk's Office in Liber 6632 of Deeds at page 323; thence northerly along Herbst's east line by aforesaid deed 100 feet to the northeast corner of Herbst's line by aforesaid deed; thence westerly along Herbst's north line by aforesaid deed 85 feet to a point in the center line of New Davis Road; thence northerly along the Center line of New Davis Road 355 feet to a point; thence easterly along a line parallel with the north bounds of Lot No. 50 452.00 feet more or less to the center line of Buffalo Creek then southwesterly along the center line of Buffalo Creek about 437.25 feet; thence westerly 285 feet to the southeast corner of deed recorded in Liber 6632 of Deeds at page 323, being the point of beginning.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM those portions of the above premises used for public highway purposes.

SUBJECT to all covenants, easements and restrictions of record, if any.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, or part or provision of this Local law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Local Law which shall be given effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York Secretary of State.

Upon a roll call vote being taken:
Councilman Wrazen – aye
Councilman Granville – aye
Councilman Wochensky – aye
Supervisor Snyder – aye

Action #45
Local Law
1-2025
adopted –
rezoning
1686-1688
Davis

ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

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

Action #46
Neg SEQR
declaration
for LL to
rezone 397
Old
Glenwood

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Local Law to rezone 397 Old Glenwood Road, PO West Falls, will not result in any adverse environmental impacts as it does not involve physical alteration of land and therefore for purposes of SEQR a negative declaration is issued.

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried

TOWN OF AURORA LOCAL LAW 2 - 2025

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SECTION 2. SECTION 116-6, ZONE MAP

Section 116-6(A), Zone Map, of the Codes of the Town of Aurora is amended to place transfer and place the following described properties from their present classification as R-1 Zoning Districts to a C-1 Zoning District:

397 Old Glenwood SBL#199.01-3-13

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situated in the Town of Aurora, County of Erie and State of New York, being part of Lot N. 58, Township 9, Range 6 of the Holland Land Company’s Survey, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the point of intersection of the center line of Old Glenwood Road, also know as Main Steet and the easterly property line of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway Company, said point being 83 feet as measured along a line at right angles from the center line of said Railroad Company’s main track; thence along the center line of Old Glenwood Road, south 1° 17’ 80” west, a distance of 464.9 feet to a point; thence along a line south 84° 04’ west, a distance of 142.13 feet to a point which is 17 feet distant from the center line of said main track as measured at right angles thereto; thence along a line parallel to said main track, north 15° 44’ east, a distance of 502.67 feet to a point; thence along a line south 74° 16’ east, a distance of 16 feet to the point of beginning.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

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Upon a roll call vote being taken:
Councilman Wrazen – aye
Councilman Granville – aye
Councilman Wochensky – aye
Supervisor Snyder – aye

ayes – four

noes – none

Motion carried.

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Councilman Wochensky moved to set 6:30 p.m. February 24, 2025, at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY, as the time, date and place for a public hearing on an application for a Dwelling Group at 145 Reiter Road, East Aurora, NY. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four

noes – none

Motion carried.

Action #47
Local Law
2-2025
adopted –
rezoning
397 Old
Glenwood

Action #48
Public
hearing set
for 145
Reiter
dwelling
group

Councilman Wrazen moved to set 6:30 p.m. February 24, 2025, at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY, as the time, date and place for a public hearing on a Local Law to rezone the property at 1342 Quaker Road, East Aurora, NY. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #49
Public hearing set for 1342 Quaker rezoning local law

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve a Temporary Use Permit to WNY ARC, NAR Section #907/Ira Johnson to use the Town managed side of Knox Farm State Park for model rocket launches by students from local schools in conjunction with the American Rocket Challenge contest. The dates are Saturday/Sunday from 3/1-4/6/2025 from 7:00 a.m. to noon and Monday, 4/7/2025 from 3:00 p.m. to dusk. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #50
KFSP TUP for American Rocket Launch students

Councilman Granville moved to approve payment no. 1 to Azar Design Co. (formerly Foit Albert) in the amount of \$15,868.14 for professional services rendered from November 1 to December 31, 2024 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 #51
Pymt #1 to Azar for Cornwall culvert aprvd

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve payment no. 1 to Azar Design Co. (formerly Foit Albert) in the amount of \$20,650.47 for professional services rendered from November 1 to December 31, 2024 for the Shearer Avenue bridge replacement project. Funds will be disbursed from H7 5120.210. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #52
Pymt #1 to Azar for Shearer bridge aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the following 2024 budget transfers to correct overdrawn appropriation lines:
From: A1620.423 Contractual \$1,307.00
To: A1620.422 Repair/maintenance \$1,307.00

From: DB5110.410.1 Fuel other agencies \$12,000.00
To: DB5142.449 Snow removal \$12,000.00

Action #53
2024 budget transfers aprvd

From: DB5142.100 Snow removal wages \$11,281.00
To: DB5142.449 Snow removal overtime \$11,281.00

From: DB5110.410.1 Fuel other agencies \$2,500.00
To: DB5130.217 Equipment purchase \$2,500.00

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

Councilman Granville moved to approve the following 2025 budget transfers to prevent overdrawn appropriation lines due to M. Inglefinger's promotion:

From: A1620.423 Contractual \$1,921.00
To: A1620.101 Payroll \$1,921.00

From: A1620.423 Contractual \$1,921.00
To: A7110.104 Laborer \$1,921.00

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

Action #54
2025 budget transfers aprvd

Councilman Wrazen moved to accept a \$200 donation to the Aurora Senior Center from the WNY Hosta Society. Funds will be deposited to TA1000.0090. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried. Action #55 \$200 donation to SrCtr aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to accept a \$200 donation to the Aurora Senior Center from the Western Zone Retired Teachers Founders. Funds will be deposited to TA1000.0090. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried. Action #56 \$200 donation to SrCtr aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to recommend the nomination of Douglas Crow for a two-year term, June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2027, as a representative on the Erie County Environmental Management Council. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried. Action #57 D. Crow nominated for EC Environment mgmt council

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Town Clerk – January 2025 report
- Senior Center – January 2025 report
- Building Department – January 2025 report
- Building Department – 2024 Annual report
- Three+one – cashVest award notification

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman Wrazen stated that he attended the ECSD No. 8 meeting and learned a lot about sewer pipe lining. Mr. Wrazen noted that almost 600 responses to the Comprehensive Plan survey have been received to date.

Supervisor Snyder stated he has been in steady contact with the arborist from O'Connell regarding the tree trimming for the fiber optic installation.

AUDIENCE II:

Michelle Bjella, South Park Place, stated she understands there is a franchise agreement with NYSEG.

Nancy Smith, Sycamore Street, commented on the Comprehensive Plan and asked about development splits and open space funding.

STAFF REPORTS:

Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy stated that in 2025 the NYS Building Code will be updated and that more training will be needed.

Councilman Wrazen moved to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Granville. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried. Action #58 Meeting adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk