

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
April 12, 2021

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a work session. The Board met in-person and via Zoom at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, New York. Public attendance was permitted at this meeting. The work session was live-streamed via Zoom and YouTube.

Present:	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman/Deputy Supervisor
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor (via Zoom)
Absent/excused:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Kevin Glover	Asst. Code Enforcement Officer
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Joseph Wetzel	GHD/Engineer
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Tony Rosati	ZBA member/Village Trustee

Councilman Snyder opened the work session at 6:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and noted the regular meeting would begin immediately after the work session.

1) Solar Farm NY:

Thomas Milligan from Solar Farms NY spoke to the Board about the program they offer to NYSEG customers. NYSEG customers that sign up with Solar Farms NY automatically receive a guaranteed 5% savings on electric costs based on the amount of solar electricity provided to NYSEG by Solar Farms for NYSEG to allocate to the customer's account. Councilman Wochensky asked if they are commercial/for profit and if there were other companies that do this? Mr. Milligan responded, yes, they are incorporated in Albany, NY, and yes, there are other options. He also spoke about the program they have that benefits non-profit organizations in the community.

2) WNY Cyclocross – Temporary Use Permit for JP Nicely West Falls Park:

John Roden from the WNY Cyclocross Club spoke to the Board about his request to have two cyclocross events this year at West Falls Park. The first would be a skills clinic on Sunday, August 15, 2021 from 9am – 3pm. The second would be a race on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Mr. Roden presented a description of the events and a Covid safety plan. This will be the fifth year that the Cyclocross events will be held at the park. Mr. Roden noted that their goal is to raise funds toward the purchase of an ambulance for the West Falls Fire Department.

3) Temporary Use Permit – EA Lacrosse for Warren Drive Park:

Colleen Sperry Aungst from the EA Lacrosse Association spoke to the Board about their plan to have a chicken BBQ at Warren Drive Park on May 13, 2021 as a fundraiser for their organization. The original application noted that they might have a beer truck on site for the event. Councilman Snyder stated he is not thrilled with the idea of a beer truck and they would need to provide porta-potties. Supervisor Bach noted his concern with the beer truck, stating this is a residential neighborhood and the park has not been heavily utilized in the past. Ms. Aungst stated that the BBQ by itself would be okay, with no beer truck. Highway Superintendent Gunner stated he would meet with them to see where the BBQ pit would go. Supervisor Bach asked if there is a limit on the number of dinners. Ms. Aungst responded, yes, because they have to place their order in advance.

4) EA Lacrosse – request for sign and wall at Warren Drive Park:

EA Lacrosse Association is requesting to put up a sign and a concrete wall at Warren Drive Park. Councilman Snyder stated the Town needs a drawing of a section of the wall construction. Colleen Aungst stated that Celtic Industries is doing the design and that the proposed 30' long, 10' high concrete block wall (ball wall) would be used for the Lacrosse program. Ms. Aungst noted that this is all volunteer and donation related. Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy stated they need to submit a stamped engineered plan for the wall. Councilman Snyder stated they need to present a rendering of the proposed sign, noting size, color(s), material, etc.

5) Open Development Area – 1875 Boies Road:

Keith Marquis submitted an application for an ODA for 1875 Boies Road. Mr. Marquis stated that he is proposing an 1800 to 2000sf residence on the property that will be constructed 700 to 720 feet back from the right-of-way. He noted that there is a gradual hill and based on further detail and design, a variance to the maximum 10% grade may be required.

6) Open Development Area – split from 535 Jewett Holmwood Road:

Robert and Joan Erickson submitted an application for a parcel they are proposing to split from 535 Jewett Holmwood Road. They are asking for a 100' variance for the setback of the proposed residence from the dividing property line due to drainage issues farther back on the lot. Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy stated they are trying to avoid the swale on the property.

7) Special Use Permit/Site Plan – 1158 Davis Road:

Gary Dellaneve as agent from Beverly Schoenthal, is requesting to build a 40' by 80' pole barn containing storage for his business and a residence. Since there is already a residential structure on the property, dwelling group approval from the Town Board would also be needed. Councilman Snyder asked if a residence can be located in a pole barn. Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy responded, yes, with a stamped plan.

8) TE9 Speed study request – Davis Road:

A resident on Davis Road between Route 20A and Jewett Holmwood Road sent her concerns to the Supervisor about the high speed limit (50 mph) on that stretch of Davis Road. A review of the speed limits on Davis/Route 240 from Route 20A to the Aurora-Colden line indicated there is a speed limit range from 35 mph to 55 mph. Reducing the 50 mph and 55 mph sections to 45 mph may result in a safer limit.

9) NYS CHIPS funding/Sales Tax revenue – Highway:

Highway Superintendent Gunner presented a memo to the Town Board with information regarding the CHIPS funding increase of about \$36,000 and higher sales tax revenues. Mr. Gunner is proposing to amend the 2021 budget to reflect this and to submit an amended 284 Agreement adding the paving of Boies Road (permanent improvement). Mr. Gunner asked the Board to review this proposal and vote on it at the next Town Board meeting, along with voting on the amended 284 Agreement.