

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
July 25, 2022

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a work session. 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:	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Absent:	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	Chris Musshafen	Aquatics/Recreation Director
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Bach opened the work session at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence for all those affected by violence, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) West Falls Advisory Committee:

The Board discussed the formation of the West Falls Advisory Committee and its proposed bylaws. Councilman Granville suggested adding West Falls business owners to the Mission Statement.

2) Temporary Use Permit KFSP – IC Soccer:

Athletic Director Mark Morrell from Immaculate Conception School submitted an application for a Temporary Use Permit to have soccer practices on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6:00p.m. to 7:30p.m beginning August 30 and ending October 28, 2022. Chris Musshafen stated that in the past they were charged \$200 which covered all the practice times. Supervisor Bach stated he is okay with that. Mr. Musshafen noted that approval would need to be contingent upon receipt of proof of insurance.

3) Building Permit Fees:

Code Enforcement Officer Elizabeth Cassidy presented an updated fee schedule for applications accepted and permits issued through the Building/Code Enforcement office. The current fee schedule was adopted in April 2017. The fee increases were prompted by the cost of the building department software that Mrs. Cassidy wants the Town to purchase.

4) Building Department software:

Code Enforcement Officer Elizabeth Cassidy spoke about the software she would like the Town to purchase for her office, noting that Cloudpermit meets the needs of her department's operations. The implementation fee is \$6,000.00 and the annual \$16,000.00 fee will be prorated to \$8,276.71 for 2022. The total cost in 2022 will be \$14,276.71. A budget amendment transferring funds from Contingency to Central Data Processing will be considered at tonight's meeting.

5) Erie County Legislature funding for Senior Center:

Erie County Legislator Joseph Lorigo has awarded \$10,000.00 to the Aurora Senior Center. The funds are a conditional grant from funds appropriated in the County's 2021 budget. Senior Center Director Donna Bodekor noted that the funds will be used to purchase new dining tables and a new sound system for the Center.

6) Rotary Club of East Aurora – donation:

Pat Shea, Past President and Rotary Club Board Member, stated that the Club would like to donate funds to purchase a new diving board at Aurora Community Pool. Currently there is not a diving board at the pool.

7) Labor Negotiations Proposal:

Currently the Town is paying the following rates for labor relations and arbitration through Hodgson Russ: Partner - \$320/hr; Associate - \$299/hr; Paralegal - \$152/hr; and Law Clerk \$213/hr. SJA LLP fees are: Attorney - \$225/hr and Paralegal - \$125/hr. Supervisor Bach stated he would like the Town to have more than one option for these services.

8) Pool Restroom Project – set bid opening:

Fontanese Folts Aubrecht Ernst Architects has prepared the bid documents for the renovation of and addition of toilets at Aurora Community Pool. A bid opening date of August 23, 2022 is being proposed.

9) NYSDOT Permit:

The Town is proposing to erect a sign in the Route 240 right-of-way. The NYSDOT requires the Town to obtain a permit for temporary use of State property to install the sign.

10) Code Red:

The Town Board is considering the use of the CodeRed alert system and sharing the program with the Village of East Aurora. The Town Attorney prepared an Intermunicipal Agreement which will be forwarded to the Village for their input/approval.

Martha Librock  
Town Clerk