

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
August 8, 2022

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, August 8, 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
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Joseph McCann	Councilman
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney (via Zoom)
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	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) Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate member:

Earlier this year Tony Rosati resigned from the ZBA, and Alternate Member Nancy Burkhart was appointed to fill the unexpired term, thereby leaving an Alternate vacancy. Ray Wrazen, Highland Drive, East Aurora, submitted a letter to the Supervisor expressing his interest in the position. Councilman Wochensky stated he would prefer that the position be advertised and opened up to others. Supervisor Bach noted that Councilman McCann reached out to Mr. Wrazen with regard to the position and that the term is until the end of this year. ZBA Chairman Ernst stated that the position needs to be filled as soon as possible. Councilman Granville stated he is okay with the appointment since it is only until the end of the year. Councilman Wochensky noted that in the future it needs to be at least put on the website.

2) Temporary Use Permit Warren Drive Park – Soccer Shots:

M&M Youth Sports LLC dba Soccer Shots Buffalo, 108 Old Carriage House Road, Grand Island, NY, is requesting to hold their Youth Sports program for children ages 2 to 7 years at Warren Drive Park. The non-competitive programming will be held from 10:30a.m. to 1:45p.m. on Saturday beginning September 10, 2022 and ending November 12, 2022. Supervisor Bach noted that they held programs at Warren Drive last year and according to Chris Musshafen there were no problems.

3) General Code – codification proposal:

General Code submitted an estimate to have seven pieces of legislation updated/codified to the Town Code. The proposed estimate is between \$7,190 and \$7,650, which includes shipping and handling. If approved, there needs to be a budget transfer to cover the expense.

4) Aurora Mills – Request for streetlight(s):

Michael Kelly, President of the Aurora Mills Condominium Board, noted in an email to the Town that their Board adopted a resolution to make a request for additional street lighting on Mill Road at the entrance to the Aurora Mills development as a safety measure. They are requesting at least two (2) additional lights on existing poles on either side of the entrance. Mr. Kelly noted that there are streetlights in the subdivision beginning several car lengths in from Mill Road and that technically this is an intersection and should have a light.

5) Borderland – request for letter of support:

Jennifer Brazill of Borderland is requesting a letter of support from the Town that states the Town is aware of the event and has no objections. Ms. Brazill will include this and other letters of support with the Borderland application to the State Liquor Authority for the event to be held in September.

6) Article 78 – Outside counsel:

In June 2022, the Zoning Board of Appeals considered a request for a use variance for a solar installation on Davis Road from Delaware River Solar. At that time the ZBA denied the application. Since that time the Town received notice of petition for judgement pursuant to Article 78. Via Zoom, Town Attorney Maloney stated that this is a complicated piece of litigation and use of outside counsel is recommended. Ms. Maloney stated that her firm, Lippes Mathias, is fully qualified to handle this. Supervisor Bach asked if she would be working with them. Ms. Maloney responded they would work hand in hand.

Councilman Wochensky stated it should be opened up to any law firm to submit a proposal. Supervisor Bach responded that it is an issue of time. Attorney Maloney stated that the return date is August 23 or there about.

7) Greenspot Electric Vehicle Charging Station agreement:

Previously the Town Board had authorized the Supervisor to sign a five-year agreement with Greenspot Smart Mobility (Greenspot JC, LLC), 155 2nd Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302 whereby Greenspot will replace the Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations at the Aurora Senior Center and manage them at no charge to the Town. Greenspot responded with an agreement having a 5-year term with two 5-year automatic renewals. Town Attorney Maloney stated that the Board has the authority to enter into agreements longer than five years if they are business or ministerial. Supervisor Bach stated he would like to be able to sign the new proposed agreement and have Greenspot install the new charging stations as soon as possible.

Martha Librock
Town Clerk