

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
October 11, 2022

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, October 11, 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:	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Bach opened the work session at 6:30 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) Open Development Area application – 757 Center/Roland:

The Planning Board reviewed this application and voted to recommend approval of the ODA at 757 Center Street. Mr. Roland wants to erect a Quonset hut type structure for storage of agricultural equipment. Mr. Roland already went before the Zoning Board for variances, and this does not need site plan approval. The Board will set a public hearing.

2) Temporary Use Permit – Fee waiver request:

Richard Jachimiak, representing the Knights of Columbus, received a temporary use permit for a soccer contest at Knox Farm State Park on October 16, 2022. Mr. Jachimiak is requesting waiver of the \$200/day event fee since this event will only be 2-3 hours and will not require any assistance from the Town. The event is open to the public and they will only use one soccer field.

3) Temporary Use Permit – Date change:

Previously, the Town Board approved a temporary use permit for John Roden to hold a CycloCross event at JP Nicely West Falls Park. Mr. Roden is requesting a change of date for the event to December 3, 2022, since they were unable to hold the event on the original date.

4) Senior Center Door Replacement – bid results:

A bid opening for the CDBG funded door replacement at the Senior Center was held at 10:00 a.m. today. One bid was received. Allgaier Construction Corporation submitted a bid for \$88,000.00.

5) Climate Smart Communities Task Force:

Councilman Wochensky stated that since the Town Board adopted the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Pledge on September 26, 2022, there is a need to create a task force to promote and support the plans, policies and programs that are part of the CSC. Supervisor Bach asked if representatives of the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals should be on the task force. Councilman Wochensky responded that it is not needed but can be added.

6) 2023 Tentative Budget changes:

Budget Officer/Bookkeeper Kathleen Moffat submitted changes to the 2023 Tentative Budget that need to be considered by the Board before accepting it as the Preliminary Budget.

The changes and reasons for changes are as follows:

REVENUES

- Increased A 2401 Interest & Earnings from \$60,000 to \$100,000
- Increased B 2401 Interest & Earnings from \$50,000 to \$90,000
  - Locked in a 3.9% CD rate, budgeted for 2%

APPROPRIATIONS

- Increased A 1620.414 Light, Heat, Power, Water from \$75,000 to \$95,000
  - Anticipated cost increases
- Increased A 3620.103 Assistant Code Enforcement Officer from \$45,448 to \$55,448
  - Allows for overlap between PT Asst CEO and new hire
- Increased A 1680.401 Contractual & Office Supplies from \$70,000 to \$75,000
  - WNY NetWorks rate increasing to \$125/hour
- Increased A 9030.8 Social Security from \$120,000 to \$125,000
  - Cover increases in Asst. CEO as well as ARPA bonuses
- Decreased B Fund Appropriated Fund Balance from \$125,000 to \$85,000
- Decreased SF 3411.401 Village of East Aurora from \$380,312 to \$380,256
  - Corrected invoice received
- Decreased B 3020.401 Central Fire Alarm Contract from \$61,240 to \$60,410
  - Corrected invoice received

MISCELLANEOUS

- Added Delinquent Water to Levy for ECWA and Orchard Park
  - Approved at the 9/26/22 town board meeting
- Added expenditure line A 9090.8 Bonus – ARPA and budgeted \$37,500
- Added Appropriated Fund Balance ARPA Funds \$37,500 in A Fund
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Budget Impacts:

- A Fund: 3.96% increase
- B Fund: 1.15% increase
- DA Fund: 1.95% decrease
- DB Fund: .18% increase
- \$51,500 under the tax cap

7) Construction Administration Proposal – Community Pool Restroom project:

Supervisor Bach stated that Fontanese Folts Aubrecht Ernst Architects have submitted a proposal to provide architectural services for Construction Administration of renovations to the Aurora Community Pool restrooms and new restrooms at 690 South Street. The services would be performed on an hourly basis with a not to exceed value of \$8,500.

8) NY Forward – West Falls grant PowerPoint presentation:

Councilman Wochensky stated that the NYS Forward grant was submitted and the Empire State Development Corporation interviewed took place. Councilmen Wochensky and McCann stated that the ESDC seemed impressed with the presentation contents. Grant awards will be determined in the next couple of months and if the Town is awarded funding, projects could start next summer.

Martha Librock  
Town Clerk