

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
May 8, 2023

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, May 8, 2023, 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. Due to technical difficulties, the meeting was not able to be streamed via Zoom or YouTube.

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| Present: | Charles D. Snyder | Councilman |
| | Joseph McCann | Councilman |
| | James F. Granville | Councilman |
| | James J. Bach | Supervisor |
| Absent/Excused: | Luke Wochensky | Councilman |
| | Brigid Maloney | Town Attorney |
| Others Present: | Elizabeth Cassidy | Code Enforcement Officer |
| | David Gunner | Highway Superintendent |
| | Rod Simeone | Zoning Board Member |
| | Chris Musshafen | Recreation/Aquatics Director |
| | Robert Goller | Town/Village Historian |

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

1) Church Street Bridge project: Architectural Survey:

Highway Superintendent Gunner explained to the Board that SHPPO is requiring an Architectural Survey of four structures (homes) that abut the Church Street Bridge project. Foit Albert Associates received a scope of services and cost estimate proposal from Binghamton University for \$3,948.00 to perform the survey. Mr. Gunner stated that Foit Albert will be submitting a change order in the future to reflect this increased cost to the project.

2) Spectrum Fiber Internet:

Time Warner Cable Northeast, LLC D/B/A Spectrum submitted a proposal/service agreement to the Town for Fiber Internet Access service for the Aurora Municipal Center. The fiber internet access would serve the Town and Village at the Aurora Municipal Center, as well as the adjoining Senior Center. The cost would be \$449.00 per month with the initial term of the service being 3 years.

3) Joint resolution: VEA and TOA obtaining and sharing Fiber Internet Access:

The Town plans on installing a new fiber internet service at the Aurora Municipal Center for use by the Town and Village and the Village of East Aurora is planning on having the fiber internet service installed at 571 Main Street for the Police Department and Town Court. Village Administrator Cathie Thomas prepared a resolution reflecting this change in internet service.

4) Amendment to the Congregate Dining Agreement with Erie County:

The Town is currently in an evergreen agreement/contract with Erie County for the Congregate Dining (lunch program) that is conducted at the Aurora Senior Center. The County wishes to amend the agreement by adding "Technology Installation and Special Event Programming" to the agreement as well as amending the remuneration schedule to include reimbursement for costs incurred by the Town for County provided technology equipment and software and for County special event programming.

5) Erie County Legislative Grant of \$5,000 for Aurora Senior Center:

Erie County Legislator Jim Malczewski is sponsoring a \$5,000.00 legislative grant to the Aurora Senior Center for upgrades to the kitchen at the Center. Payment will be made to the Town after the improvements are made and paid for.

6) Seasonal Recreation employee bonus schedule and criteria:

In 2022 during the 2023 budget talks, Recreation/Aquatics Director Chris Musshafen presented a proposal to the Board to give bonuses to summer recreation employees. The bonus plan was verbally agreed to, and the funds included in the 2023 Recreation budget lines. Mr. Musshafen noted that this is being done as an incentive to keep employees throughout the season.

7) SWPPP review for National Fuel Gas Supply Colden Anodes project:

GHD Consulting Services has presented a proposal to review the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the Town of Aurora portion of National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation's Colden Anodes project. The lump sum cost is \$2,000.00. Chapter 96 of the Town Codes authorizes the Town to be compensated by the developer for the cost of the review.

8) 1047 Willardshire Road Open Development Area:

In 2021 the Town Board approved an Open Development Area (ODA) for 1045 and 1047 Willardshire Road. Part of the approval was a front yard setback variance of 40 feet to allow the residence at 1047 Willardshire to be built 160 feet from the front lot line. In April 2023, the Zoning Board of Appeals granted the property owners a revised front yard setback variance of 50 feet to allow the structure to be built 150 feet from the front lot line. In 2021 the Planning and Town Boards spent considerable time reviewing the ODA and having the property owner at that time modify his original plan to better suit the neighborhood and the ODA lots. In an April 28, 2023 memo to the Town Board from the Planning Board, Chairman Owens stated that the Planning Board did not see the need for the ODA to come back before them for the Town Board to render a decision on the revised placement of the residence.

9) Temporary Use Permit for Community Pool – Holland Middle School:

The Holland Middle School is requesting a temporary use permit to use Community Pool on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 from 9:45a.m. to 11:45a.m. for an open swim for 7th and 8th grade students from the school. This will be the third year that they will be doing this. The application and insurance documents have been provided. Payment of applicable fees is still needed.

10) Majors Park Hubbard Cabin – demolition:

Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy stated that the structure known as Hubbard Cabin in Majors Park is in extreme disrepair and needs to come down. The door is wide open, and the building is fully accessible. Highway Superintendent Gunner stated he received a quote from Waste Management of \$50 per ton for the Highway department to take the debris from the building demolition to the Chaffee landfill. Mr. Gunner does not think the total cost will exceed \$3,000.

Town Historian Robert Goller stated the building was not Elbert Hubbard's but was built by his children after his death. Mr. Goller request that the "R" ornamentation on the cabin be saved.

Mr. Gunner stated that he could put orange snow fence around the structure to keep people out until the demolition occurs. Mr. Gunner also noted that the brick and stone from the building will not go into the land fill.