

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
July 24, 2023

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, July 24, 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. The meeting was streamed via Zoom and YouTube.

Present:	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Chris Musshafen	Recreation/Aquatics Director
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	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) 2024 Budget Calendar:

Supervisor Bach presented the 2024 Budget calendar that is the schedule for preparing and adopting the 2024 Operating Budget. The Board had no issues with the dates/times.

2) Comp Alliance Liaison:

Supervisor Bach noted that he is currently on the Board of Trustees for the NYS Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance. The NYS Association of Towns has asked him to remain on the Comp Alliance Board for 2024 and Mr. Bach is requesting the Town Board to add him to the 2024 Organizational Chart as Liaison to the Comp Alliance.

3) Community Pool & Park Improvements - Capital Project Close-out:

The Community Pool and Park Improvements Capital Project is complete. There is a remaining cash balance of \$8,506.00. The project, which included new rest rooms and renovations to the pool buildings and grounds, was funded with ARPA monies. Bookkeeper Kathleen Moffat is requesting that the Board transfer the remaining funds to the A Fund (ARPA) and close out the capital project (H10).

4) Court Clerks – Request to Attend Conference:

Town Justices DiFilippo and Markello are requesting approval for Court Clerks Elizabeth Wilber and Maureen Kenney to attend the 2024 NYS Association of Magistrate Court Clerks conference in Verona, NY, September 17 – 20, 2023 at a cost of \$1516.00 for registration and hotel/meals.

5) Assessor – Request to Attend Conference:

Assessor Stephen Pigeon is requesting to attend the NYS Assessor's Association conference in Saratoga Springs, NY, October 3-6, 2023. Certified Appointed Assessors are required to complete a minimum of 12 continuing education credits annually. All costs (registration, hotel, and mileage) are reimbursed by New York State.

6) Request for Easement on Town Property – Davis Road:

Chaz Vance, 1963 Davis Road, West Falls, is requesting permission to dig a trench on Town property (Veterans/Dam Site Park at the NE corner of Davis Road and Bridge Street) to alleviate a drainage problem that he has in the basement of his property at 1963 Davis Road. Mr. Vance stated that the drain line from his property goes under Davis Road and under the Town property to the creek bed and at some point the pipe is clogged. For several years Mr. Vance has been pumping the water into a drainage inlet (DI) in front of his property but does not want to continue pumping due to the cost and believes that the water should flow away from his property and not be pumped away. Town Attorney Brigid Maloney stated that it is a risk to the Town to have a private resident digging on Town property. Supervisor Bach stated he will call the NYSDOT to discuss this issue and would like the Town Engineer to visit the site and report their recommendation(s). Councilman Wochensky suggested asking Mark Gaston from Erie County Soil & Water to visit the site with someone from the Town. Supervisor Bach stated that the NYSDOT is seeking a temporary easement on the same parcel during the construction they will be undertaking on the Route 240/Davis Road project.

Martha Librock
Town Clerk