

September 11, 2023

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, September 11, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m. immediately after the 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
	Rich Miga	Asst. Code Enforcement Officer
	Meaghan Tent	Recreation Dept.
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Doug Crow	Planning Board Chairman
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Bach opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., following the conclusion of the work session.

Councilman McCann moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023, work session and meeting. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #277 8/28/2023 minutes aprvd

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Supervisor Bach noted that the application for a temporary use permit for a lacrosse tournament at Knox Farm State Park has been withdrawn by the event organizer. KFSP TUP for lacrosse tournament withdrawn by organizer

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Snyder moved to authorize the Supervisor to submit a letter to the NYSDOT stating that the Town of Aurora concurs that the temporary easement being requested by the NYSDOT for the Davis Road reconstruction project will be a temporary occupancy of Veteran's Park. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #278 Town concurs with NYSDOT temp easement at Veteran Park

Councilman Wochensky moved to set 7:00 p.m. on September 25, 2023 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY, as the time, date and place for a public hearing on a local law that would give volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers the opportunity to apply for a real property tax exemption. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #279 Public hrg set for LL re: volunteer firefighter etc exemption

Councilman Snyder moved to set 7:00 p.m. on September 25, 2023 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY, as the time, date and place for a public hearing on a local law that would allow the Town Board to exceed the 2024 Town Budget tax cap if needed. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried. Action #280 Public hrg set for LL re: tax cap override

Councilman McCann moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with Erie County for the \$54,000.00 grant funding for the Town to update the (unadopted) Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five
noes – none Motion carried.

Action #281
Supv auth to sign agrmt with Erie County for Comp Plan funding

Councilman Granville moved to authorize a TE-9 speed study for Blakeley Road from the Wales town line to Olean Road. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five
noes – none Motion carried.

Action #282
TE-9 auth for Blakeley east of Olean

Councilman McCann moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Center Street and Blakeley Corners are County roads within the Town of Aurora; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Town of Aurora have reported that the intersection of Center Street and Blakeley Corners poses a risk to drivers in the area and have requested that the Town investigate possible options for improving traffic safety in and around the intersection, including the placement of an all-way stop sign following an all-way stop traffic study; and

WHEREAS, multiple motor vehicle accidents have occurred at said intersection.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Aurora Town Board hereby requests an all-way stop traffic study by Erie County Department of Public Works, Division of Highways to assess the safety concerns arising at the intersection of Center Street and Blakeley Corners; and

RESOLVED, that the Aurora Town Board directs the Town Clerk to submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Erie County Department of Public Works, Division of Highways.

Action #283
All-way stop traffic study for Center & Blakeley resolution adopted

Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five
noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Wochensky moved to adopt the following resolution; seconded by Councilman Granville:

NEW APPOINTMENT OF AURORA CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Aurora adopted the Climate Smart Communities Pledge on September 26, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Aurora created a Climate Smart Communities Task Force by resolution on October 10, 2022 (the "Original Resolution") and appointed a Climate Smart Communities Task Force Coordinator and several members;

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2023, the Town Board of the Town of Aurora discussed the activities of the Climate Smart Communities Task Force and proposed setting term limits for members which, similar to other town committees, would set terms on a six-year rotational basis to ensure continuity;

WHEREAS, the Original Resolution did not set term limits and requires updating;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Aurora wishes to continue to annually appoint one resident of the Town of Aurora who is a Junior in high school to serve a two-year term on the Climate Smart Communities Task Force;

NOW THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town of Aurora Climate Smart Communities Task Force Coordinator will be Luke Wochensky;

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town of Aurora Climate Smart Communities Task Force will consist of the following members until December 31, 2023:

- Sharon Bachman
- Jeanne Beiter
- Steve Bjella
- Lori Borowiak
- Pat Lally
- Claudia Newton
- Susan Russell
- Annika Safford

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town of Aurora will appoint a Climate Smart Communities Task Force Coordinator for a one-year term and new members for the following terms in the Organizational Meeting for 2024:

- One six-year term
- One five-year term
- One four-year term
- One three-year term
- Two two-year terms (including one high school Junior)
- One one-year term (including one high school senior)
- A Climate Smart Communities Task Force Coordinator for a one-year term

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town of Aurora will, starting in 2025, appoint a coordinator and two members each year (one for a six-year term and one high school Junior for a two-year term).

Action #284
CSCTF term
resolution
adopted

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.
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Councilman McCann moved to accept a \$50.00 donation from the East Aurora Farmers Market for the Aurora Senior Center. Funds will be deposited to TA1000.0090 Senior Center Donations. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #285
\$50 donation
to SrCtr
accepted

Councilman Granville moved to approve the following budget amendment to record the receipt of funds from the auctioning of a highway truck and liftgate:

- Increase revenue line DB2665 Sale of Scrap & Property \$24,425.00
- Increase appropriation line DB5130.217 Equip Purch \$24,425.00

Action #286
Hwy budget
amendment
aprvd

Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Snyder moved to set 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY, as the time, date and place for a public hearing regarding the use of Federal Community Development (CDBG) funds in the Town of Aurora. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #287
Public
hearing for
CDBG set for
10/10/23

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the following new Recreation Department programs:

- Monster Mash Bash (dance, costume contest, etc.)
- Intro to Water Color with artist Audrey Parker

Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #288
Two new rec
programs
aprvd

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Town Clerk – August 2023 report
- Dog Control – August 2023 report
- Work Requisitions – August 2023 report
- Building Department – August 2023 report
- Recreation Director – July and August 2023 report
- EAPD – July 2023 report
- Supervisor – August 2023 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman Wochensky stated that ESD will be touring West Falls this Wednesday with regard to the NY Forward grant application.

Councilman McCann stated he will be attending the County ambulance event at the Colden Fire Hall on September 21st.

Councilman Snyder stated he and Supervisor Bach met with AOT representatives and the Town's accountants regarding lower mortgage tax revenues.

Supervisor Bach wished Happy Birthday to Police Chief Krieger. Mr. Bach also noted that the 2024 budget process is going along well, but budgets are getting more and more challenging.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Police Chief Krieger noted that issue at Center and Blakeley is the dip in Center Street north of the intersection that sometimes obscures the view of traffic coming from the north.

Doug Crow stated he is looking for names of people for the Planning Board.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The September 11, 2023 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers numbered 1043 to 1106, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 26,366.97
Part Town	240.00
Highway/DB	84,199.44
Trust & Agency	618.75
Special Districts	<u>3,709.40</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$115,134.56

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Councilman Granville moved to approve the 9/11/2023 Abstract of Claims and authorize payment. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #289
9/11/2023
Abstract of
Claims aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Granville. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes - none Motion carried.

Action #290
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk