

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
October 10, 2023

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, October 10, 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
	Rich Miga	Asst. Code Enforcement Officer
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Doug Crow	Planning Board Chairman
	Tim Stroth	Planning Board Member
	Jeff Markello	Town Justice
	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) NY Forward PowerPoint:

Supervisor Bach stated that All These Wonders LLC has proposed to develop a PowerPoint presentation for the NY Forward grant interview at a cost of \$150 per hour not to exceed \$500.00. Councilman Wochensky stated the PowerPoint is not necessary but would be an asset for the grant application and interview. Councilman McCann noted that Empire State Development suggested that the Town have a PowerPoint presentation.

2) JCAP Grant – Aurora Court:

Town Justice Markello spoke to the Board about a JCAP grant they would like to apply for to have carpeting installed in the court room, judge's chambers and court clerk's office and to replace worn carpeting at the bench area. Mr. Markello stated they would like to ask for funding up to \$30,000 for the project. He noted that carpeting would help with the acoustics in the court room.

3) Dwelling Group – 4479 Transit Road, PO Orchard Park:

Property owners Jeff and Aimee Simmons are requesting to have a dwelling group – two residential units – on their property at 4479 Transit Road. The owners intend to convert part of an existing garage into living quarters for Mrs. Simmons' parents. The Zoning Board of Appeals granted side yard setback and lot width variances to the Simmons' to accommodate the dwelling group. The variances were granted with the condition that the property can never be subdivided. Councilman Snyder asked if the exterior of the garage would remain the same. The response was that the finishes would, but there would be windows and doors installed for the in-law unit.

4) Blakeley Corners Road (east of Olean Road):

At a previous Town Board meeting several residents from Blakeley Road east of Olean Road came before the Board to talk about their concerns with traffic speed, the curve in Blakeley Road and safety. Supervisor Bach stated that the Town will request a traffic study from Erie County since this is a County Road.

5) TE-9 Responses:

Supervisor Bach stated that the NYS Department of Transportation responded to the Town's speed limit reduction requests for Bowen Road from the Village line to the Elma town line and Center Street from West Gate Drive north to the Village line. In both instances the NYSDOT determined that it would not reduce the 45mph speed limits..

Martha Librock
Town Clerk