

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
May 28, 2024

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 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
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Raymond M. Wrazen	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
Others Present:	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Chris Musshafen	Recreation/Aquatics Director
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Snyder opened the work session at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence in memory of Rosemary Krieger prior to the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) New Wave Energy – Kevin Kreutzer:

The Town has had New Wave Energy as an electric supplier for approximately ten years. Kevin Kreutzer spoke to the Board about updating the agreement between New Wave and the Town. The Town currently has a variable rate which is lower than the NYSEG rate, although fixed rates can be budget friendly. Mr. Kreutzer states the forecast is for a pretty stable market. Councilman Wochensky noted that the Town is looking into a community aggregate program, also.

2) Open Space Committee – Majors Park/Hubbard Road area:

Councilman Wrazen stated that the Open Space Committee (OSC) had recommended wording for signs at the Hubbard side of Majors Park, but the wording may not be right. Mr. Wrazen noted that the restrictions on the land need to be investigated. Some OSC members want to ban dogs in the park, but the Town Code currently allows dogs in Majors Park. Councilman Granville stated that the Town Attorney should look into this matter.

3) Aurora Town Library paving project:

In a memo to the Town Board, Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting that the Town Board approve paving of the parking lot at the Aurora Town Library on Main Street. Mr. Gunner estimates the cost of the paving at \$9,062.50 based on the 2024 Erie County Asphalt bid of \$73 per ton from County Line Stone Co., Inc. He anticipates paving the lot in September 2024.

4) Revise Agenda/Amend Re-organization Chart:

Supervisor Snyder stated that he is proposing that the Town Board eliminate work sessions and add a consent agenda to the meeting. The regular meetings would begin at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Wrazen stated this would be more straight-forward.

5) Knox Farm State Park – Temporary Use Permits and Fees:

Councilman Snyder presented the revised guidelines, application form, and fees for temporary use permits for the Town managed portion of Knox Farm State Park (KFSP). Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that all his employees are sent to flaggers school and will be able to be crossing guards for certain events. Police Chief Krieger noted that if additional training is needed, they can do that through the EAPD. Councilman Granville asked if the highway employees are equipped with phones in case of emergencies, etc. The response was yes. Councilman Wochensky stated that the rates that will be charged are fair. Non-profit groups and town residents will receive a 10% reduction in the fees.

6) Miscellaneous Board business:

Councilman Wrazen stated he attended the Food Summit event held through Erie County. Councilman McCann noted that he is working diligently to address concerns regarding the proposed Telecommunication Tower on Transit Road.

Councilman Wochensky stated the Community Solar Campaign will be going live and 160 sign-ups are needed.

Martha Librock
Town Clerk