

October 15, 2024

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m. 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:	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	Raymond M. Wrazen	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Patrick Welch	Chief of Police
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Snyder opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The first item on the agenda was a Public Hearing on the use of Federal Community Development funds in the Town of Aurora. Supervisor Snyder opened the hearing at 6:31 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to comment.

Donna Bodekor, Center Street, stated that the movable wall at the Senior Center is twenty-three years old, not functioning properly, and needs to be replaced. The company that installed the wall is no longer in business, parts are not available and the repairs that can be made are just a “band-aid”. Ms. Bodekor noted that the wall is vital to the day-to-day programming at the Senior Center.

Supervisor Snyder asked if anyone else wished to comment. Hearing no one, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Councilman McCann moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the October 15, 2024 meeting minutes and the October 28, 2024 Abstract of Claims vouchers 1344 to 1391 to be paid from the following funds:

General	\$ 64,059.81	Action #333 10/15/24 minutes; 10/28/24 abstract of claims aprvd
Part Town	80.00	
Highway/DB	25,818.02	
Trust/Agency	151.00	
Capital/H7 bridges	1,625.76	
Special Districts	<u>3,885.63</u>	
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 95,620.22	

Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:

ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

AUDIENCE I:

The following persons spoke to the Board about the deer population being out of control in the Town and Village, the frequency of Lyme disease, and damage to plants. They requested that the Town Board come up with a plan to reduce and control the deer population:

Christine Peruzzini	Old Center, EA
Sandy Warner	Brooklea Dr., EA
Jean Hughes	Blakeley Rd., EA
Ellen Moomaw	Oakwood Ave., EA
John Hughes	Blakeley Rd., EA
Lynn Chimera	Pine St., EA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Wrazen moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign, submit and execute contracts with the Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for the following projects upon approval of the ECCDBG:

- 1) Aurora Senior Center – replacement of movable wall
- 2) Continuation of the Rural Transit Services, Inc. program

Action #334
Supv auth to sign CDBG grant docs for SrCtr wall & rural transit

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

Councilman McCann moved to set 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave., East Aurora, NY, as the time, date and place for a public hearing on a Special Use Permit application for a short-term rental at 59 Cook Road, East Aurora. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #335
Public hearing set for SUP for 59 Cook Rd short-term rental

At their October 3, 2024 meeting, the Town of Aurora Planning Board voted unanimously to not recommend approval of the Davis Road rezoning request by Al Franjoine for a soccer field complex. In an email dated October 15, 2024, Mr. Franjoine stated he is withdrawing his rezoning application.

Davis Rd rezoning for soccer complex withdrawn

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve the proposal/quote in the amount of \$50,000 from North East Recreation to provide and install new Little Tikes playground equipment at Community Pool Park. The equipment and vendor are on Sourcewell Contract #010521-LTS. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #336
NE Rec playground proposal for Comm Pool Park aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to adopt the following resolution.
Seconded by Councilman Granville:

WHEREAS, the Town of Aurora Justice Court desires to submit a grant application to the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) for funding to: upgrade the court clerk’s transaction window to tempered glass with bullet resistant film; upgrade the courtroom door by installing tempered glass with bullet resistant film; and purchase a new wall mounted 32” security monitor.

Action #337
JCAP grant resolution adopted

Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Board of the Town of Aurora authorizes the Aurora Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2024-2025 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.
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Councilman Wrazen moved to refer the Special Use Permit application for Short-term rental (AirBnB) at 275 Bowen Road, East Aurora, to the Planning Board for review and recommendation. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #338
275 Bowen SUP for short-term rental referred to Planning Brd

Councilman McCann moved to refer the Rezoning petition/request to rezone 397 Old Glenwood Road, West Falls, from R1 to C1 to the Town of Aurora Planning Board for review and recommendation. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #339
397 Old
Glenwd
rezoning
referred to
Planning Brd

Councilman Granville moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the proposal from GHD Consulting Services to review the SWPPP for 595 Snyder Road for a fee not to exceed \$1,000. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #340
Supv auth to
sign GHD
SWPPP
proposal

Councilman McCann moved to approve the request from Code Enforcement Officer Elizabeth Cassidy to attend the Niagara Frontier Building Officials Conference on January 27-29, 2025 in Amherst, NY. The cost of registration and mileage (\$300; \$26/day) will be disbursed from A3620.404. Approval is contingent on adoption of the 2025 Town Budget. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #341
CEO to
attend Niag
Frontier Bldg
conf 1/2025

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve GAR Associates proposal to perform appraisals on six West Herr Properties involved in the Article 7 filed by West Herr disputing their assessments. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Councilman Granville wanted to know why this is necessary and that he wants more information, noting it is rare that an appraisal is required. After further discussion, Councilman Wrazen rescinded his motion and Councilman McCann rescinded his second.

Action #342
W.Herr
appraisal
proposal
tabled

Supervisor Snyder moved to table the appraisal proposal from GAR Associates for the West Herr Article 7 proceedings. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes - four noes – none
Motion carried.

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve the title and rate change for Joseph Kenefick, currently a laborer at \$20.19/hour to Truck Driver at \$24.70/hour effective October 26, 2024. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #343
J. Kenefick
Truck Driver
title/rate
effective
10/26/24

Councilman Granville moved to approved the purchase of a new 2025 Xtreme Vac ODB Model DCL800SM25 Peterbilt 220 leaf vacuum truck off of Sourcewell contract #031121-ODB, for \$272,093.67 from Stephenson Equipment. Funds will be disbursed from DB5130.217 contingent upon funding and adoption of the 2026 Town Budget. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #344
2025 Leaf
vac purch
from 2026
budget aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Independent Health Account Size Verification form and Independent Health 2025 Rate form as part of the 1/1/2025 health insurance renewal. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #345
Supv auth to
sign Ind
Health
renewal
documents

Councilman Granville moved to approve the following budget amendment to account for restitution funds received for damage done to the Town managed side of Knox Farm State Park:

- Increase revenue line A2389 Misc. revenue/other govts. by \$500
- Increase appropriation line A7189.105 seasonal parks labor by \$500

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

Action #346
Budget amendment for KFSP damage restitution aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to approve the following Highway budget transfers to help correct /prevent budget line shortages:

From: DB 5112.433 \$43,651.00
To: DB5142.100 \$43,651.00

From: DB5112.433 \$21,704.21
To: DB5130.217 \$21,704.21

From: DB5112.413 \$15,000.00
To: DB5130.217 \$15,000.00

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

Action #347
Highway budget transfers aprvd

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve the following Recreation budget amendments to represent an increase in revenue:

Increase A2088.1 Playground registration by \$1,836.00
Increase A7140.113 Day Camp payroll by 1,236.25
Increase A7140.400.2 Playground supplies by 599.75

Increase A2056 Youth Education programs by \$14,217.00
Increase A7310.400.1 Youth Education vendor by \$14,217.00

Increase A2055 Summer playground sports by \$1,082.
Increase A7142.400.1 Summer playground vendor by \$1,082.00

Increase A2026 Aquatic Club registration by \$3,816.00
Increase A7180.113 Aquatic Club payroll by \$3,816.00

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

Action #348
Recreation budget amendments aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to approve the 2025 Tentative Budget.

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

Action #349
2025 Tentative budget aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to set 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, as the time, date and place for a public hearing on the Town of Aurora 2025 Preliminary Operating Budget. Councilman Granville seconded the motion.

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #350
Public hrg for 2025 Preliminary budget set

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Building Department – September 2024 report
- Senior Center – September 2024 report
- Town Clerk/Water – September 2024 report
- Town Clerk/Garbage – September 2024 report
- Erie County– Senior Van report
- East Aurora Garden Club letter re: deer population
- Town Clerk – September 2024 report
- Town Clerk/Tax – August 2024 report
- Town Clerk/Tax – September 2024 report
- Supervisor – September 2024 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman McCann stated that the Senior Center energy audit received a good report and that the kayak launch is still a work in progress.

Councilman Granville stated he spoke with Assessor Steve Pigeon about receiving more information when requests such as appraisals are requested.

Councilman Wrazen stated the town park sign wording is in it's first draft. Mr. Wrazen noted that the Comprehensive Plan committee will start stakeholder interviews in December.

Supervisor Snyder noted that the next NY Forward LPC meeting is October 23rd when the slate of projects will be approved and then sent to NYS for approval.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Police Chief Welch stated they filled a vacant dispatcher position; now have two car seat safety inspectors; are monitoring the Davis Road construction daily; and he stated he would be happy to help work on a plan to manage the deer population.

Donna Bodekor stated they are very excited about the new ten-burner stove and steam table at the Senior Center that were purchased by Erie County with ARPA funds. The Senior Center will also be getting a new dishwasher from the County.

Councilman McCann moved to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried. Action #351 Meeting adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk