

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
December 16, 2025

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 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.

Present:	Luke Wochensky	Councilmember
	Joseph McCann	Councilmember
	Raymond M. Wrazen	Councilmember
	Jessica Armbrust	Councilmember
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
Others present:	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Douglas Crow	Planning Board Chairman

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

1) Borderland Music Festival:

Jennifer Brazill, Borderland event organizer, and Highway Superintendent David Gunner spoke to the Board about the traffic and parking plan for the 2026 event. Ms. Brazill stated there are no changes to the event except for the traffic pattern for vehicles and pedestrians on Knox Road. These changes are at the suggestion of Police Chief Welch. Knox Road between the soccer fields and the Village (Grey Street) will be used as a one-lane road with vehicles on the north side and pedestrians on the south side. Vehicles from the east parking lot will exit toward the Village and those from the west lot will exit toward Gypsy Lane. Knox Road will no longer be completely blocked to vehicle traffic.

Fees that are paid by Borderland were discussed. Supervisor Snyder requested that Mr. Gunner provide the cost to the Town for using his employees. Councilmember Wochensky said we need to look at what was spent by the Town last year for Borderland. Ms. Brazill requested to see the fees that the Town will be setting for Borderland.

2) East Aurora Baseball & Softball:

Dan Mirsky from EA Baseball and Softball spoke to the Board about some changes their group would like to make or have made at Community Pool Park. They would like to replace the old storage shed, which has been broken into and is squirrel infested, with a new Amish built 14' by 20' shed which would be set next to the snack shack. The shed is needed to store baseball equipment, including pitching machines and the battery chargers for the machines. Highway Superintendent Gunner noted that the Town will have to get a building permit for the shed and that he would like to place it on piers (Sonotube concrete tube base). Mr. Mirsky stated the shed will cost the baseball group \$6,000.00 and then it will be donated to the Town.

The second item Mr. Mirsky spoke about was lights for the 42 North baseball diamond. They already have donations of the poles and lights. The lights are needed to be able to have night games. The league is growing and they need more field capacity. Highway Superintendent Gunner stated he would talk to NYSEG to get things started. Supervisor Snyder requested a scope of work showing who will be doing what, and noted that we need to see if the present electrical service is sufficient.

3) Olean Road Golf Barn project:

Property owner Harrison Kelly and architect Greg Schneider spoke to the Board about the changes that have been made to the original project at 600 Olean Road. Mr. Kelly noted that the building has a smaller footprint. New NYSDEC wetland regulations reduced the usable space on the property. The parking lot has been resized. Due to Health Department regulations

for septic, they have removed the full kitchen from the project and replaced it with a catering kitchen.

Greg Schneider stated that the access road to the existing gas well will be kept. Mr. Schneider noted that the building is 100 feet back from Olean Road and was placed there so as not to build on the heaviest treed areas of the property. Rain water will go into a bio-retention pond and then into a retention pond. Some run-off will be piped and some will be natural swales.

Mr. Kelly stated there are a lot of dead standing ash trees on the property. He is working with Murray Bros. Nursery on using native trees and plantings for the landscaping. There is a lot of garbage in the wetlands area of the property and he is going to contact Buffalo Niagara Waterkeepers to see if they will help in removing the garbage.

Mr. Schneider stated that once this site plan proposal is approved by the Town they will go ahead with developing building plans. Mr. Kelly stated he wants the building to look like it's been there a long time, not something brand new. He has responded to the Town's requests for: fencing – they will have split rail fencing along the road (Olean); signage – will be on the north side of the driveway, perpendicular to the road and will be front lit; driveway and walkway lighting – will be low to the ground downlighting and will be energy efficient.

Councilmember McCann asked if there was any usable area in the south portion of the property. Mr. Kelly responded that there is, but using it is not in their plans.

Discussion took place as to what the next step would be. The site plan has already been to the Planning Board who recommended approval and there is a SWPP (stormwater plan) review that needs to take place.

4) Use of Town Property for Political Debate:

Councilmember McCann stated that he was approached about holding a political debate between candidates for the NYS 23rd district at the town hall or senior center. Mr. McCann noted that the Town should look into the legality and Town policy.

Martha L. Librock, Town Clerk