

April 14, 2025

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, April 14, 2025, 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 YouTube.

Present:	Luke Wochensky James F. Granville Raymond M. Wrazen Charles D. Snyder	Councilman Councilman Councilman Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Joseph McCann	Councilman
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney Elizabeth Cassidy David Gunner Karin Dojnik Paul Ernst Douglas Crow Patrick Welch	Town Attorney Code Enforcement Officer Highway Superintendent Deputy Town Clerk ZBA Chairman Planning Board Chairman Chief of Police

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

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the March 24, 2025 meeting minutes and the April 14, 2025 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers 398 to 516, to be paid from the following funds, with the exception of voucher #456 in the amount of \$1,980.00:

General	\$ 241,878.83	Action #115 3/24/25 minutes; 4/14/25 abstract aprvd (with one exception)
Part Town	59,928.00	
Highway/DB	18,464.98	
Capital/H7	23,969.02	
Trust & Agency	484.86	
Special Districts	<u>\$ 140,346.41</u>	
Total Abstract	\$ 485,072.10	
Less voucher #456	<u>-1,980.00</u>	
Amount approved for payment	\$ 483,092.10	

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

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Granville moved to rescind November 25, 2024 Action #398 that approved the purchase of trail markers at a cost of \$500 using ARPA funds, and to approve the purchase of trail markers from Blue Devil Design for Majors Park and JP Nicely West Falls Park at a cost of \$588.44 to be disbursed from A7110.444. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #116
Trail markers
for Majors and
W.Falls parks
aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve payment no. 1 to Azar Design Co. (formerly Foit Albert) in the amount of \$20,043.16 for professional services rendered from November 11, 2024 through March 28, 2025 for the Brooklea Bridge replacement project. Funds will be disbursed from H7 5120.210. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #117
Pymt 1 to
Azar for
Brooklea
bridge proj
aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to approve payment no. 4 to Azar Design Co. (formerly Foit Albert) in the amount of \$3,925.86 for professional services rendered from March 1 to March 28, 2025 for the Cornwall Road culvert replacement project. Funds will be disbursed from H7 5120.210. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #118
Pymt 4 to
Azar for
Cornwall
culvert proj
aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to authorize the Town Attorney to prepare a Local Law for a six-month moratorium on Battery Energy Storage. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #119
Twn Atty to
prepare
moratorium
LL for Battery
Energy
Storage

Councilman Granville moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign an Out of District Water Customer Agreement for 8739 Falls Road, PO West Falls, in the Town of Colden (SBL#213.00-4-2). The current property owners are Allie Philips and Joseph Lorenc. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #120
Supv auth to
sign OOD
water agrmt
with owners of
8739 Falls Rd
(Colden)

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Wrazen moved to amend the agenda by adding item 6K – Appointment to Open Space Committee. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #121
Item 6K –
OSC appt
added to
agenda

Councilman Wochensky moved to amend the agenda by adding item 6L – development plan proposal and budget amendment for Warren Drive Park. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #122
Item 6L –
Warren Dr
plan added to
agenda

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve a Temporary Use Permit to David Brason to hold a Cricket game on the Town managed side of Knox Farm State Park on May 31, 2025 from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm for sixteen players. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #123
TUP for
Cricket game
at KFSP aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the following budget amendment to record the receipt of JCAP funds for the Justice Court:

- Increase revenue line A3389 JCAP by \$7,922.00
- Increase appropriation line A1110.401 office supplies by \$7,922.00

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

Action #124
Budget
amendment for
JCAP funds
aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to amend the Town's Personnel Policy by adding the following:

4.12 Leave for Cancer Screening

Employees will be permitted paid excused leave, not to exceed four hours annually, to undertake a screening for cancer. Employees will not have such leave deducted from their vacation, personal or sick accruals provided that the employee provides a note from the screening facility setting forth the date and time the screening occurred. The Town will not retaliate against employees for requesting or obtaining a leave of absence to undertake cancer screening.

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

Action #125
Personnel
policy 4.12
amended re:
cancer
screening

Councilman Wrazen moved to amend the Town's Personnel Policy by adding the words "or medical appointments" to paragraph 4 of Section 4.02 Sick Leave, so that it shall read as follows:

Sick leave shall not be used for any purpose other than the employee's legitimate illness or medical appointments, except that an employee may use up to five (5) days of available sick leave per year to attend to the illness of an immediate family member (meaning a family member who resides in the same household as the employee).

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

Action #126
"or Medical
Appointments"
added to 4.02
of Personnel
Policy

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the use of Debt Reserve funds to:

- 1) Make the \$45,000 principal and \$877.50 interest payments (final payment) to Greene County Commercial Bank for the Gleed Avenue Parking Lot Bond, due April 15, 2025; and
- 2) Use the \$5,500 Debt Reserve Fund balance as a partial payment to Greene County Commercial Bank, toward the Equipment Bond, due April 15, 2025.

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

Action #127
Use of debt
reserve for
Gleed parking
& equip bonds
aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to approve the request from the Cornell Cooperative Extension to set up a 10'x10' tent at the rear entrance to the Senior Center on May 6, 2025 from 5:00 pm to sundown, to be used as an area to collect hand tools for gardening in support of the Providence Farm Collective. Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #128
Tent for Co-op
Ext tool
collection
aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to approve the Civil Service title change for Dorothy Bailey from Clerk PT to Clerk PT Seasonal from May 5, 2025 to September 19, 2025, allowing her to work up to 39.5 hours to accommodate the Building Department during their busy season.. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #129
D. Bailey Civil
Svc title
change aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to refer the application from Leah Foss, for a Special Use Permit for a Bed and Breakfast at 1756 Hubbard Road, to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s). Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four
noes – none Motion carried.

Action #130
SUP for 1756
Hubbard Rd
BnB referred
to Plng Brd

Councilman Granville moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 6/1/25-5/31/26 Memorandum of Understanding with FeedMore WNY for the Farm Market truck hosted by the Town of Aurora Senior Center in the parking lot at the Aurora Municipal Center and Senior Center. Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four
noes – none Motion carried.

Action #131
Supv auth to
sign MOU
with
FeedMore for
farm market
truck

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve ten-hour, four-day work weeks for Town highway employees from April 28 to August 29, 2025. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #132
10hr, 4-day
work wk for
hwy aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the MS4 Annual Report/Interim Progress Certification-2025 (annual stormwater report). Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #133
Supv to sign
annual MS4
stormwater
report

Councilman Wrazen moved to appoint Henry Selkirk, 561 South St., East Aurora, to the Open Space Committee to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer Brazill, term ending 12/31/2026. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #134
H. Selkirk
appt to Open
Space
Committee

Councilman Wochensky moved to:

1) Authorize the Supervisor to sign the Architectural Proposal, in the amount of \$4,850, for the Master Planning of Warren Drive Park with Fontanese, Folts, Aubrecht, Ernst Architects; and
2) Approve the following budget amendment:

- Decrease A1990 Contingent Account by \$4,850.00
- Increase appropriation line A7110.413 by \$4,850.00

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

Action #135
Supv auth to
sign
architect
proposal for
Warren Dr
park & aprv
budget
amendment

- COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:
- Town Clerk/Tax – March 2025 report
 - Town Clerk – March 2025 report
 - Senior Center – March 2025 report
 - Dog Control – March 2025 report
 - Building Department – March 2025 report
 - Work Requisitions – March 2025 report
 - Recreation – February and March 2025 reports
 - Supervisor – March 2025 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman Wochensky stated that the Town has been selected to get a free fleet inventory audit and the tool drop-off event is not the same as the Dare to Repair Café.

Councilman Wrazen gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Snyder noted that the playground equipment at Community Pool Park is being installed in the near future and that tree trimming for GoNet Speed will continue through June.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy stated the MS4 report is in a new format, with basically the same information as the old format.

Police Chief Welch noted that the annual Bunny Hop (5K run) is the Saturday before Easter and that his department will be setting up speed monitoring signs in the near future.

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that Oakgrove Construction has submitted its good faith effort document to the NYSDOT with regard to the Church/E. Fillmore culvert/bridge reconstruction; bore samples have been taken from the other three culvert/bridge projects; Paving on Sweet Road will begin April 28, 2025; he is looking at brine options as opposed to using rock salt for de-icing roads; and he is working with a grant writer for more salt storage. One of the high school students attending tonight’s meeting asked if the bump on Sweet Road would be taken care of or just paved over. Mr. Gunner responded that it will be leveled as best as they can.

Councilman Granville moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #136
Meeting
adjourned