

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
April 22, 2025

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, April 22, 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	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman (participated via phone)
	Raymond M. Wrazen	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	James Granville	Councilman
	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
Others Present:	Rich Miga	Assistant Code Enforcement Officer
	Paul Ernst	Zoning Board Chairman
	Rod Simeone	Zoning Board member
	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) Friends of Griffin Mills Heritage Day – Special Event Permit

Councilman Wochensky suggested speaking with Chief Welch and Dave Gunner regarding traffic control and security. Also check to see if a Certificate of Insurance is needed for the Special Event. For us to shut down Mill Road, we will need a permit from the county which Dave Gunner will obtain. Alan Davis will present a check from Friends of Griffin Mills to put towards the two signs that will be along Mill Road identifying the Hamlet of Griffins Mills. The Town will put \$1,000 towards the signs from the West Falls line and Alan Davis will make up the difference.

2) Code Discussion – In-Law apartment:

Rich Miga read the revisions and additions to the current Zoning Code for an In-Law apartment. Councilman Wochensky does not feel In-Law Apartment is the right term to be used, suggested accessory dwelling unit. We need to differentiate in-law vs. double/duplex. Attorney Sean Hopkins from the audience suggested we put a maximum percentage of the principal residence for the in-law apartment. Rich Miga will make changes and get it to board by the end of the week. Rich will also look at other jurisdictions for wording.

3) 1342 Quaker – rezoning discussion:

Attorney Sean Hopkins from Hopkins Sorgi & McCarthy PLLC was present for the discussion of 1342 Quaker. This property has a unique land use history. We can put restrictions on the deed on uses that run with the land. Supervisor Snyder will provide Attorney Sean Hopkins with the email received from Town Attorney Maloney. Apposing letters will be presented at the next Town Board Meeting on April 28, 2025, and a copy will also be forwarded to Attorney Sean Hopkins. Further discussion on the uses that we feel comfortable having at that location and uses we would prefer to not have at that location. Attorney Sean Hopkins will prepare a draft deed restriction for our review. This topic will be on the next Work Session agenda in June.

4) Town Judice

Resignation letter received from Anthony Di Flippo IV effective May 3, 2025. Jeffrey Markello volunteered to cover the month of May. Interviews will need to be done quickly. Election runs every four years and we do not want them to run together. Martha Libroch has a call into the Board of Election.

5) Solar Panels

Councilman Wochensky had a conversation with the Solar Panel Provider. The provider is looking to see if we could give them one year of electric bills for them to review and for them to come to the next meeting with a proposal. Future questions for the provider: How big would the solar field need to be? How many panels would be needed to provide service to all the Town buildings? We would need to check roofs to see if they would support the panels.

Karin L. Dojnik
Deputy Town Clerk