

May 12, 2025

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, May 12, 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 Joseph McCann James F. Granville Raymond M. Wrazen Charles D. Snyder	Councilman Councilman Councilman Councilman Supervisor
Others Present:	Rich Miga David Gunner Karin Dojnik Paul Ernst Rod Simeone Patrick Welch	Asst. Code Enforcement Officer Highway Superintendent Deputy Town Clerk ZBA Chairman ZBA Member Chief of Police
Absent/Excused:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney

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 a proposed local law for a moratorium on Battery Energy System Storage. The Supervisor opened the hearing at 6:30 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to comment. Hearing no one, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Councilman Wochensky moved to amend the agenda by adding an Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five	noes – none	Motion carried.	Action #164 Exec sess added to agenda
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Councilman Wrazen moved to approve the April 22, 2025 work session; April 28, 2025 meeting; and May 3, 2025 special meeting minutes of the Town Board. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five	noes – none	Motion carried.	Action #165 4/22; 4/28; & 5/3 minutes aprvd
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Councilman Granville moved to approve the May 12, 2025 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers 577 to 649, to be paid from the following funds:	General Part Town Highway/DB Capital/H7 Trust & Agency Special Districts Grand Total Abstract	\$ 84,434.90 54.67 20,053.42 35,675.38 759.11 <u>\$ 1,651.38</u> \$ 142,628.86	Action #166 5/12/25 abstract of claims aprvd
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Councilman Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman McCann moved to approve payment no. 2 to Azar Design Co. in the amount of \$17,200.76 for professional services rendered from January 1 through February 28, 2025 and payment no. 3 to Azar Design Co. in the amount of \$4,650.73 for professional services rendered from March 1 through April 25, 2025 for the Shearer Avenue bridge replacement project.

Funds will be disbursed from H7 5120.210. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #167
Pymts 2&3
to Azar for
Shearer
bridge proj
aprvd

Councilman Wrazen moved to approve payment no. 2 to Azar Design Co. in the amount of \$8,379.92 for professional services rendered from March 29 through April 25, 2025 for the Brooklea Bridge replacement project. Funds will be disbursed from H7 5120.210. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #168
Pymt 2 to
Azar for
Brooklea
bridge proj
aprvd

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve payment no. 5 to Azar Design Co. in the amount of \$5,443.97 for professional services rendered from March 29 through April 25, 2025 for the Cornwall Road culvert replacement project. Funds will be disbursed from H7 5120.210. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #169
Pymt 5 to
Azar for
Cornwall Rd
culvert proj
aprvd

Councilman Wrazen moved to set 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave., E. Aurora, as the time, date and place to hold a public hearing on a request to build an accessory building on an Open Development Area lot at 1040A Sweet Road. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #170
Public hrg
set for
1040A
Sweet Rd
ODA

Councilman McCann moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Oakgrove Construction, Inc. for the replacement of the Church Street and East Fillmore Avenue culverts in the amount of \$1,557,548.02. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #171
Supv auth to
sign agrmt
with Oak-
grove for
Church & E
Fillmore
bridge proj

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman McCann moved to approve the following wage increases effective May 24, 2025:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Current rate</u>	<u>New rate</u>
Alexis Andres	\$20.25	\$20.50
Anna Davidson	\$22.25	\$22.50
Luke Donnarummo	\$20.00	\$20.25
Teresa Felton	\$21.50	\$21.75
Adelle Ferreira	\$17.00	\$17.25
Sean Marthia	\$16.75	\$17.00
Ivan Nietopski	\$20.00	\$20.25
Elizabeth Oshua	\$20.50	\$20.75
Samantha Pratt	\$20.00	\$20.25

Action #172
Rec
employee
wage
increases
aprvd

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

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the following budget transfer to correct a budget line deficit:
From: DA5120.433 Bridge materials \$1,794.00
To: DA5120.100 Bridge labor \$1,794.00
Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #173
Budget
transfer for
DA fund
aprvd

Councilman Wrazen moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the following Polling Location Lease Agreements with the Erie County Board of Elections (BOE) whereby the BOE will compensate the town for use of town facilities for voting:

- Earling voting 6/14-22, 2025 at Aurora Municipal Center \$900
- Earling voting 10/25 – 11/2/2025 at Aurora Municipal Center \$900
- General Election 11/4/2025 at Aurora Highway Garage \$100
- General Election 11/4/2025 at Aurora Senior Center \$100
- General Election 11/4/2025 at Aurora Municipal Center \$100

Action #174
Supv auth to
sign polling
place lease
agreements
with BOE

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

Councilman Wrazen moved to declare a Vision Treadmill (Town ID#2117) as surplus inventory to be auctioned. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #175
Treadmill
declared
surplus to be
auctioned

Councilman Wochensky moved to accept a \$150.00 donation to the Aurora Senior Center from the Erie County Historical Federation. Funds will be deposited to TA1000.0090 Senior Center donations. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #176
\$150
donation to
SrCtr
accepted

Councilman McCann moved to approve the following budget amendment to record receipt of NYSERDA grant funding for the purchase of an EV pickup truck for Highway:

- Increase revenue line A3089 State Aid/Grants by \$50,000.00
- Increase appropriation line A7110.210 Parks Equip by \$50,000.00

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

Action #177
Budget
amendment
for \$50K
grant for EV
truck aprvd

Councilman McCann moved to approve the promotion of Hans Ingelfinger from seasonal laborer to Union Laborer full time at an hourly rate of \$20.80, effective May 24, 2025. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #178
Hans
Ingelfinger
promoted to
FT laborer

Councilman Wrazen moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2025 Pyrotechnic display and services (fireworks) agreement with Skylighters of New York LLC for the July 3rd fireworks event at Hamlin Park. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #179
Supv auth to
sign 2025
fireworks
contract

Councilman Wrazen moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign and send a letter of support for the Village of East Aurora's planning grant application for a feasibility study on Village owned vacant land on Girard Avenue and Bowen Road. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #180
Supv auth to
sign ltr of
support for
VEA grant
application

Councilman Wochensky moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the NYSDEC recycling grant contract number DEC01-C01931GG-3350000 in the amount of \$79,650.02. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #181
Supv auth to
sign DEC
recycling
grant

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Senior Center – April 2025 report
- Dog Control – April 2025 report
- Work Requisitions – April 2025 report
- Recreation Director – April 2025 report
- New Garbage Accts – Jan-April 2025
- Town Clerk – April 2025 report
- Town Clerk/Tax – April 2025 report
- Town Clerk/Water – March/April reports
- EAPD – April 2025 report
- Supervisor – April 2025 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman McCann spoke about reaching out to landowners regarding the extra doe permit program the Town will be applying for in an effort to cull the deer population.

Councilman Wochensky stated the tool collection event held by the Cooperative Extension on 5/6/25 resulted in over 80 tools for Providence Farm.

Councilman Wrazen stated: 1) the Comprehensive Plan committee will be meeting on May 19; 2) the Open Space Committee has two field trips planned for Majors Park and the trail markers will be installed.

AUDIENCE II:

Alan Davis stated the Friends of Griffins Mills are holding a dedication event for the restored belfry on Wednesday, May 14th at the Griffins Mills Presbyterian Church on Mill Road.

STAFF REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated: 1) the NYSDEC will do an equipment inspection on May 13th with regard to the recycling grant; and 2) Sweet Road has been paved and the road shoulder work will start on May 13th.

Police Chief Welch noted that Erie County will be providing a county ambulance for six hours on the day of Music Fest and the ambulance should be stationed in the Town.

Councilman Wochensky moved to enter into executive session to discuss a litigation matter. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.	Action #182 Brd enters exec session
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Councilman Granville moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a consent for change of attorney document. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.	Action #183 Supv auth to sign consent to change atty document
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Councilman McCann moved to come out of executive session at 7:02 p.m. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.	Action #184 Board exits exec session
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Councilman McCann moved to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.	Action #185 Meeting adjourned
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Martha L. Librocks
Town Clerk