A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, March 28, 2022, beginning at 7:25 p.m. immediately after the work session. The Board met in-person and via Zoom at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, New York.

Present: Charles D. Snyder Councilman

Luke Wochensky Councilman

James F. Granville Councilman (via Zoom)

Joseph McCann Councilman James J. Bach Supervisor

Others Present: Brigid Maloney Town Attorney

Elizabeth Cassidy Code Enforcement Officer

Greg Keyser GHD Engineering

David Gunner Highway Superintendent

Shane Krieger Chief of Police

Tim Stroth Planning Board member

Jim Kittner Asst. Code Enforcement Officer

Adam Zaremski Aurora Library Board Elizabeth Wilber Live Stream Coordinator

Supervisor Bach opened the meeting at 7:25 p.m., immediately following the work session and stated that Councilman Granville is attending the work session via Zoom from 110 Tunyo St., Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Councilman McCann moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 work session and meeting; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #130 3/14/2022 minutes aprvd

AUDIENCE I: none

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilman McCann moved to approve the Open Development Area for 10 Ellis Drive, West Falls, Town of Aurora; Councilman Snyder seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION
APPROVING OPEN DEVELOPMENT AREA
10 ELLIS DRIVE, PO WEST FALLS
(SBL# 199.01-1-49.11)
TOWN OF AURORA, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, Chapter 99 of the Code of The Town of Aurora establishes standards for landowners who wish to develop or subdivide land that lacks adequate public road frontage for standard lot development (known as "open development area"); and

WHEREAS, in July 2014, the Town Board approved an Open Development Area application for a single-family residence to be built at 10 Ellis Drive subject to the standards and requirements of Chapter 79 of the Code of the Town of Aurora (in 2017 the Open Development Area Chapter 79 was abolished and the Open Development code was added to Chapter 99); and

WHEREAS, in December 2021, William and Rebecca Heidt ("applicant") submitted an application to revise the original approval to allow for a single-family residence to be built behind the original residence and to convert the original residence into an accessory building having no residential unit; and

WHEREAS, in March 2021, the applicant had received a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals to allow an accessory building in the front yard of a residence; and

WHEREAS, upon referral of the Open Development Area application to the Town of Aurora Planning Board in January 2022, the Planning Board recommended that the requirement for driveway bump-outs be waived; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2022, the Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously approved a variance waiving the requirement for driveway bump-outs on that portion of the of the driveway between the right-of-way and the residence; and

WHEREAS, the application and supporting documentation were forwarded to the Erie County Division of Planning whose response was that the proposed action has been reviewed and determined to be of local concern and they have no recommendations; and

WHEREAS, this is considered a Type 2 action under SEQR, and no further review is required; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has made every reasonable attempt and all necessary effort to comply with specifications of Chapter 99 of the Code of the Town of Aurora.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Aurora acknowledges that compliance with all standards, requirements and conditions, is in the public interest and will substantially secure the objectives of the standard for Open Development Areas; and BE IT FURTHER

Action #131 10 Ellis Dr ODA aprvd

RESOLVED, that approval of this Open Development Area by the Aurora Town Board with variances approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals and any future development is and will be subject to the standards and requirements of Chapter 99 of the Code of the Town of Aurora; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that said Open Development Area Plan to construct a single-family residence in accordance with the plans submitted for 10 Ellis Drive, PO West Falls, (SBL#199.01-1-49.11) is approved.

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

Councilman Wochensky moved to table the agreement between East Aurora Baseball and Softball and the Town of Aurora. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #132 EA Baseball agreement tabled

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Wochensky moved to amend the agenda by adding item 5O – Rail Trail letter and informational hearing. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #133 Item 5O – Rail Trail Itr added to agenda

Councilman Granville moved to set Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY, as the date, time and place to hold a public hearing on a proposed local law to increase the maximum income amount allowed for Senior Tax Exemptions. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:

ayes – five

noes – none

Motion carried.

Action #134
Public hrg set
for LL to
increase Sr
income
exemption
amounts

Councilman Wochensky moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2022 CDBG agreement for door replacement and LED lighting at the Aurora Senior Center. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #135 Supv auth to sign 2022 CDBG agreement w/ county

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the following interfund loan to correct a deficit in the DA (Village Bridge Repairs Capital project) fund:
From: A (General Fund) \$9,869.12

To: DA (Highway Townwide Fund – Capital Project H7) \$9,869.12 Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes- none Motion carried.

Councilman McCann moved to forward the Major Park Hubbard Road entrance proposal to the Open Space Committee for review and recommendation(s). Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman McCann moved to declare the 1980 Klauer Sno-Go Snowblower, inventory #380, as surplus inventory. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Wochensky moved to declare the 1996 Gradall, inventory #1121, as surplus inventory to be auctioned through Auctions International. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Wochensky moved to declare a metal truck toolbox (no inventory #) and lawn roller, inventory #0283, as surplus inventory to be auctioned through Auctions International. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the following 2021 budget transfer to correct a deficit from the May 1, 2021 final debt payment for Water Improvement Area 7 effective 12/31/2021:

From: General Fund (A) fund balance \$799.08

To: Water Improvement Area 7 (WM) fund balance \$799.08

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

ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the Civil Service title change for Jennifer Calkins from Clerk PT to Clerk PT Seasonal effective April 18 through September 2, 2022, allowing her to work up to 39.5 hours per week during the Building Department busy season. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the Civil Service title change for Stacey Blatner from Clerk Typist PT to Clerk Typist Seasonal effective April 11 through August 26, 2022, allowing her to work up to 39.5 hours per week during the Recreation Department busy season. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried

Councilman Snyder moved to appoint David Thomason as Town of Aurora Dog Control Officer and Daniel Harris and Elizabeth Deveso as Town Action #136 Interfund loan from A to DA aprvd for H7 capital bridge fund

Action #137 Hubbard entrance to Major park referred to OSC

Action #138 Klauer Sno-Go snowblower surplus inventory

Action #139 1996 Gradall surplus inventory

Action #140 Toolbox & lawn roller surplus inventory

Action #141 2021 budget transfer aprvd for WIA fund deficit

Action #142 J. Calkins title to clerk PT seasonal Aprvd

Action #143 S. Blatner title to clerk typist seasonal aprvd

of Aurora Assistant Dog Control Officers. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #144 D. Thomason appt DCO; D. Harris & E. Deveso appt Asst. DCO

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the hiring of Michael Ingelfinger, 876 Center St., East Aurora, NY, as a Building Maintenance Mechanic at a rate of \$30.66 per hour. First day worked will be orientation day on or after April 4, 2022. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #145 M. Ingelfinger hired as bldg. maint. mech

Councilman Granville moved to approve the hiring of Kyle Olday, 52 N. Willow Street, East Aurora, NY, as a Seasonal PT Parks laborer at a rate of \$17.50 per hour. First day worked will be orientation day. Councilman McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #146 K. Olday hired seasonal PT parks laborer

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the quote from Capital Fence Company, N. Ellicott Creek Rd., Amherst, NY, in the amount of \$9,793.00, to furnish and install two softball backstops at Community Pool Park. Funds will be disbursed from TA 1000.0040 Park Improvement. Councilman Granville seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #147 Capital Fence to install 2 backstops at community pool park

Councilman McCann moved to send a letter to the residents/property owners along the proposed Erie County Rail Trail informing them of an informational meeting to discuss the trail, that will be held at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, E. Aurora, NY, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2022. Councilman Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #148 Letter re: EC Rail Trail to be sent to residents; info hearing set

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: The following communications and reports were received by the Board and filed:

- EAPD February 2022 report
- GFOA letter

## BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilman Snyder stated that the new LED lights have been installed at the Aurora Town Library (Main Street library) and thanks to funding from the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library system, the cost to the Town will only be around \$2,600. Mr. Snyder noted that the storage shed for the Senior Center is coming along nicely.

Councilman Granville noted that there is a trail and shooting club in New Mexico near where he is staying, and he will look into the situation and try to get more information on how it was handled.

Councilman McCann stated he and Councilman Snyder will be meeting with the EABS group to discuss restroom use by the baseball groups at Community Pool.

AUDIENCE II: none

#### STAFF REPORTS:

Adam Zaremski, Aurora Library Board, stated that the library board will be meeting on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy noted that the Annual MS4 report will be coming before the Board next month and a public hearing will need to be set.

### ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The March 28, 2022 Abstract of Claims, consisting of PCard voucher number 277; vouchers numbered 278 to 331; and prepaid vouchers numbered 332 to 334 was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 336,483.00
Highway/DA	33,775.00
Highway/DB	51,004.37
Special Districts	114,076.57
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 535,338.94

Councilman Wochensky moved to approve the 3/28/2022 Abstract of
Claims and authorize payment of same. Councilman Snyder seconded the
motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #149
3/28/22
Abstract of
Claims aprvd

Councilman Granville moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by
Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #150
Meeting adjourned

Martha L. Librock Town Clerk