

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
February 27, 2023

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, February 27, 2023, 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. The meeting was streamed via Zoom and YouTube.

Present:	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	Joseph McCann	Councilman
	James F. Granville	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Richard Miga	Asst. Code Enforcement Officer
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Meaghan Tent	Recreation
	Rod Simeone	Zoning Board Member
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Timothy Stroth	Planning Board Member
	Elizabeth Wilber	Live Stream Coordinator

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

1) Request to Hire 2nd Assessor:

Earlier this year the Town Board created the position of 2nd Assessor to be used temporarily while a new Assessor is in training prior to Roger Pigeon's retirement. Kathleen Moffat is requesting that the Board hire Stephen R. Pigeon, 95 Center Ridge Rd., E. Aurora as 2nd Assessor effective March 13, 2023 at a rate of \$38.46/hour. Two weeks of vacation for both 2023 and 2024 is also being requested. A budget transfer will be needed to cover the cost of training time overlap.

2) Fuel Tank and Gas Well Monitoring stipend:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting a \$0.50 per hour stipend for the two employees that will be assigned to monitor and maintain both the Highway fuel tanks and Majors Park gas wells. If approved by the Town Board, the proposal will need to be added to the Union Contract as a stipend that is assigned by the Town Board and will not be based on seniority. Mr. Gunner is recommending that Mike Ingelfinger and Nick Ingelfinger be assigned the responsibilities and stipend.

3) ZBA Sunset phrasing for Town Code:

Councilman Wochensky stated he spoke with Attorney Maloney, ZBA member Rod Simeone and CEO Elizabeth Cassidy and decided that the code committee should meet to discuss the wording for this code change. The committee will meet on Thursday March 2 at 9:00 a.m.

4) Natural Gas Resolution:

Supervisor Bach stated that residents should contact their State representatives to let them know what their thoughts are on the State law proposing to that electric vehicles, appliances, etc. be in effect on a set dated in the near future. The Town Board will not be voting on this resolution.

5) 1423 Emery Road – Open Development Area:

Scott Marshall of 1432 Emery Road is proposing to build an accessory building (garage) on his ODA (flag lot) parcel. The request went before the Zoning Board of Appeals who granted a lot width variance for the flagpole portion of the property and a side yard setback variance for the distance of the structure to the side lot line. Supervisor Bach noted that ODA applications are sent to the Planning Board for review and recommendation prior to the Town Board voting on them.

6) Out of District Water request – 7007 Center Street, PO West Falls, Town of Colden:

Scott Diebold, Sr. is requesting to be an out-of-district water customer for his property at 7007 Center Street in the Town of Colden. The property is the first parcel south of the Aurora-Colden town line and is across from the Erie County Water Department water tank. Mr. Diebold is building a single-family home on the property. Attorney Maloney will review the agreement that the Town of Aurora and Mr. Diebold will need to sign assuring that the property owner at 7007 Center contributes to the debt service for the water lines in (former) Water District 18 that provide water service to the parcel and that the Town is currently paying for.

7) Cornell Cooperative Extension – Climate Stewards classes:

Councilman Wochensky spoke about the classes that Cornell Cooperative Extension is offering on Saturdays at 12:00 noon from March 25th to June 24th. Mr. Wochensky is proposing that the Town allow classes to be held in the Aurora Municipal Center meeting room on these days.

8) Borderland Temporary Use Permit application:

Jennifer Brazill, event organizer for Borderland Music Festival, spoke to the Board about the event and her application for a Temporary Use Permit to use the Town managed side of Knox Farm State Park for parking for the event. Ms. Brazill stated that the parking and traffic management would be the same as last year. Ms. Brazill noted that last year there were about 8,000 people over the festivals two days. Supervisor Bach stated that a certificate of insurance will need to be provided. Ms. Brazill said she will have that in June.

9) CodeRed update:

Councilman Wochensky spoke about CodeRed and noted that they will be launching the first message asking people to sign-up for the alert system. Mr. Wochensky stated this is also a way to flush out non-working phone numbers. This is a dual system – for emergency and general notifications.

Martha Librock
Town Clerk