

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
September 25, 2023

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, September 25, 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
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Paul Ernst	ZBA Chairman
	Rod Simeone	ZBA Member
	Doug Crow	Planning Board Chairman
	Tim 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) CycloCross Event – Temporary Use Permit date change:

At their August 14, 2023 meeting the Town Board approved a temporary use permit to WNY Cyclocross Club/John Roden to hold a bicycle race at JP Nicely West Falls Park on October 15, 2023. Mr. Roden and the Club are requesting to change the date to November 12, 2023.

2) Earth Spirit Education Services – Temporary Use Permit for JP Nicely WF Park:

Sanford Geffner, Co-founder and Director of Earth Spirit Educational Services, Inc., (ESES) spoke to the Board about the programs they run at various parks throughout the area. Mr. Geffner noted that ESES has been using West Falls Park for programs for many years, but he was recently contacted by Chris Musshafen to apply for a temporary use permit. ESES is currently requesting to run programs on September 29 and October 14, 2023; and January 22, February 12, and June 4, 2024 at JP Nicely West Falls Park.

3) Senior Center Door Project – Contractor request for payment:

Allgaier Construction Corp. is requesting payment no. 4 in the amount of \$12,510.00 for materials and services rendered through June 30, 2023 for the door replacement project. Councilman Snyder stated that after this payment there are still funds being held until the project is completed. Currently there are a few small issues that the contractor needs to address and remedy.

4) TD Bank – Designate as Depository:

Kathleen Moffat, Bookkeeper/Assistant to the Supervisor, is requesting that the Board add TD Bank as a designated depository for the Town as the bank is offering competitive CD rates and does not require the addition of a savings or checking account.

5) Pool Project Change Order – Construction Administration:

Councilman Snyder is requesting that the Board consider a change order for the administrative services from Fontanese Folts Aubrecht Ernst (FFAE). The initial proposal is for \$8,500.00. The actual cost is \$11,150.00, \$2,650.00 more than the initial proposal from FFAE.

The increase is for additional construction administration services being required due to an extension of the project time line due to unforeseen circumstances.

6) Olean Road Golf Center Proposal:

Supervisor Bach asked the Board if they felt a public hearing on this application was in the Town's best interest before presenting a local law for the rezoning request. Councilman McCann stated it was a good idea. Councilman Snyder said it would be in the Town's best interest to get more information.

Planning Board Chairman Doug Crow stated that the Planning Board did review the application and voted to recommend rezoning the property.

Councilman Wochensky noted this issue has gained a lot of traction on-line. Supervisor Bach stated this will be added to the meeting agenda to set a public hearing.

7) NY Forward grant:

Councilman Wochensky spoke about the NY Forward grant that is being applied for. Mr. Wochensky noted that although there have been meetings about this, it was never advertised or posted. A Public Notice of an informational meeting to solicit feedback from the public regarding the grant application and proposed projects for the West Falls Hamlet was published in the East Aurora Advertiser on 9/21/23 and posted on the Town's website.

Martha Librock  
Town Clerk