

Town of Aurora | Town Board Meeting | July 13, 2026

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, June 8, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM. The Board met in-person at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, New York. The meeting was live streamed via YouTube.

Present:	Benjamin Garvey	Councilmember
	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
	Jessica Armbrust	Councilmember
	Joseph McCann	Deputy Supervisor
	Raymond Wrazen	Councilmember
Others Present:	Chris Musshafen	Recreation Director
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Douglas Crow	Planning Board Chairperson
	Patrick Welch	Chief of Police
	Paul Ernst	Zoning Board Chairperson
	Richard Miga	Assistant Code Enforcement Officer
	Rodney Simone	Zoning Board Member

Supervisor Snyder opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Before moving into the Consent Agenda, Supervisor Snyder took a moment to review the process for referring to Town officials and staff with their title versus their first name so that anyone attending or accessing the YouTube stream understands who is being addressed.

Deputy Supervisor McCann moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of June 22, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes and July 13, 2026 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers 723 through 838 to be paid from the following funds:

Action #237
6/22 Town Board
min & 7/13/26
abstract approved

General Fund	\$	57,385.41
Part Town Fund	\$	11.84
Highway Part Town Fund	\$	29,235.75
Village Bridge Repairs	\$	67,941.09
Special Districts	\$	4,257.34
Trust & Agency	\$	19,336.26
Water	\$	30,250.05
Grand Total Abstract		\$ 208,417.74

Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilmember Armbrust moved approve payment to Azar Design Co. for professional services rendered from 5/30/26-6/26/26 on three bridge projects in town. Payment number 14 in the amount of \$19,533.87 for the Shearer Ave. culvert replacement, payment number 16 in the amount of \$27,697.16 for the Cornwall Rd. culvert replacement, and payment number 13 in the amount of \$20,710.06 for the Brooklea Dr. bridge replacement. Funds will be disbursed from H7 5120.210. Councilmember Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #238
Azar payment #14
Shearer, #16
Cornwall, #13
Brooklea approved

Councilmember Garvey moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Deputy Supervisor McCann. Before reading, Supervisor Snyder advised that he had spoken with the Building Department to edit the wording of the original State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) prior to the meeting:

Action #239
SEQR negative
declaration for
1627 Bailey Rd Site
Plan adopted

SEQR Resolution
1627 Bailey Rd (SBL #200.00-3-2)

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Aurora declared itself as the lead agency with regard to SEQR for the Site Plan application to install a ground mounted solar array for SBL #200.00-3-2 at 1627 Bailey Road; and further

RESOLVED that after considering the action stated herein, reviewing the criteria contained in Section 617.11 of the Rules and Regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, determines that the action is an Unlisted action; and further

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RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Aurora has determined that the Unlisted action will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared; and further

RESOLVED that a negative declaration is issued with regard to the Site Plan for a ground mounted solar array installation at 1627 Bailey Road, East Aurora, NY.

Councilmember Wrazen moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Councilmember Armbrust:

Action #240
1627 Bailey Rd Site
Plan approved

Resolution Approving Site Plan
1627 Bailey Rd (SBL #200.00-3-2)

WHEREAS Damien Parker has submitted a Site Plan Review Application to install a ground mounted solar array for SBL #200.00-3-2 at 1627 Bailey Road, East Aurora NY; and

WHEREAS at their May 6, 2026 meeting the Aurora Town Planning Board recommended approval of the Site Plan; and

WHEREAS the Code Enforcement Officer determined this to be an unlisted action under SEQR and the Town Board found that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Site Plan for SBL #200.00-3-2 at 1627 Bailey Road, East Aurora, NY to install a ground mounted solar array is approved by the Town Board

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

Deputy Supervisor McCann moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Councilmember Garvey:

Action #241
SEQR negative
declaration for 298
Ellicott Rd Special
Use Permit (SUP)
adopted

SEQR Resolution
298 Ellicott Rd (SBL #186.00-5-1)

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Aurora declares itself lead agency with regard to SEQR for the Special Use Permit to expand campground operations at 298 Ellicott Road; and further

RESOLVED that after considering the action stated herein, reviewing the criteria contained in Section 617.11 of the Rules and Regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the Code Enforcement Officer determines that the actions are Unlisted actions; and further

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Aurora has determined that these Unlisted actions will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared; and further

RESOLVED that a negative declaration is issued with regard to the Special Use Permit to expand campground operations at 298 Ellicott Road, East Aurora, NY.

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

Councilmember Armbrust moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Councilmember Wrazen:

Action #242
SUP for 298 Ellicott
Rd approved

Resolution Approving Special Use Permit
298 Ellicott Rd (SBL #186.00-5-1)

WHEREAS Neil Hopkins/RNH 298 LLC has applied for a Special Use Permit for campground operations expansion at 298 Ellicott Road, East Aurora, NY; and

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Aurora referred the Special Use Permit application to the Town of Aurora Planning Board for their review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS on May 6, 2026, the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Town Board approve the Special Use Permit; and

WHEREAS as an Unlisted action under SEQT the Town Board found that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Town Code §95-2B(2) of the Town of Aurora, the Town Board of the Town of Aurora does hereby grant the attached Special Use Permit,

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including conditions, to Neil Hopkins/RNH 298 LLC to expand campground operations at 298 Ellicott Road, East Aurora, NY.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Garvey moved to approve the Village of East Aurora (VEA) to establish themselves as Lead Agency for the purposes of fulfilling the SEQRA requirements relative to the proposed VEA Water System Improvements Project. The Project will be located in the VEA and Town of Aurora. Deputy Supervisor McCann reiterated that this will be a study into what the village needs to improve and repair their water systems, and since the VEA is located within the Town of Aurora, this benefits the residents of both municipalities. Deputy Supervisor McCann seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #243
Est. VEA as Lead Agency on VEA Water System Improvement Project

A motion to authorize the Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) to enter Majors Park for Giant Hogweed control purposes made by Councilmember Wrazen was seconded by Councilmember Armbrust. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #244
Auth for NYDEC to enter Majors Park approved

Deputy Supervisor McCann motioned to approve an hourly rate with a three-hour minimum for the Court Officers that provide security at the Town Justice Court. Deputy Supervisor McCann also noted that these officers drive in from Buffalo after a day shift in the Buffalo courts, and don't return home until late so this is very fair. Supervisor Snyder also added that rarely do they exceed a three-hour shift. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garvey. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #245
3-Hour minimum for Court Officers approved

A motion to approve the request from Highway Superintendent Gunner for the purchase of a new EV Pick-Up Truck for the Highway Department was brought by Councilmember Armbrust and seconded by Councilmember Wrazen. Supervisor Snyder commented on the truck only being \$25,000 seeming low, and Highway Superintendent Gunner explained that it is a very basic model with no "bells and whistles". It is not a full-sized pick-up truck, as it can only tow 2000 lbs. and hold 1000 lbs. in the bed, but it will be perfect for hauling the lawn equipment used by the Highway Department. The range on the electronic truck is 200 miles, and Superintendent Gunner estimates it will only be used for around 15 miles a day. This truck would be the best deal for the Town of Aurora taxpayers, and it has a very favorable warranty as well. Deputy Supervisor McCann also commented that he looked into the vehicle and noted that from design to manufacturing, it was all done in the United States. Councilmember Garvey also mentioned that the purchase of an electronic vehicle for the Town's fleet could positively impact the Town's Climate Smart rating. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #246
Request from D.Gunner for new EV Truck approved

Councilmember Garvey motioned to approve establishing Capital Project H2-NY Forward for West Falls Improvements and to record an interfund loan in the amount of \$10,000 from General Fund (A) fund balance. Supervisor Snyder advised this would be for the projects of the library, a playground and Veterans Park in West Falls that are currently on-going. Deputy Supervisor McCann seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #247
Capital Project H2-NY Forward approved

Councilmember Wrazen motioned to approve a Budget Transfer from the Town Clerk from account A1410.413 – PT Contractual to account A1410.401 – Office Supplies in the amount of \$1,000 to prevent a shortage after the \$1,170 payment for tax envelopes. Councilmember Armbrust seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #248
Budget transfer approved for Town Clerk

Deputy Supervisor McCann motioned to approve a Budget Transfer from Kathleen Moffat in the Supervisor's office in the amount of \$1,500 from account A1950 – Taxes & Assessments to account A1910 – Unallocated Insurance to correct the overdrawn Appropriation account. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garvey. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #249
Budget transfer approved for K. Moffat

A motion to surplus an Epson Stylus NX415 printer from the Senior Center was brought by Councilmember Armbrust. The printer is over 10 years old and will not need to be replaced. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #250
Surplus of old printer approved

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COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

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| A. Supervisor's Report – June '26 | H. Certificates of Compliance/Occupancy Issued – June '26 |
| B. Town Clerk's Report – June '26 | I. Senior Center Report – June '26 |
| C. Tax Collector's Report – June '26 | J. EA Police Dept. Report – June '26 |
| D. Water Fee Collection Report – June '26 | K. Calls & Complaints – Building Dept. |
| E. Dog Control Report – June '26 | L. Calls & Complaints – Parks & Rec |
| F. Building Dept. Report – June '26 | |
| G. Building Permits Issued – June '26 | |

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Deputy Supervisor McCann discussed the Deer Task Force Meeting that will take place this month. There are a shocking number of ticks in the area, and the Task Force will be working with Ryan Rockefeller from the NYDEC on ways to combat this.

Councilmember Garvey commented on the success of Scoot Around June. There was a total of 109 participants that logged 1,621 miles. This diverted over 1,400 pounds of greenhouse emissions as a result. Councilmember Garvey also touched on his and Supervisor Snyder's meeting with Go Bike Buffalo to discuss the creation of an active transportation plan for the Town of Aurora. They will be writing up a proposal for the Town to get started this fall. Lastly, Councilmember Garvey announced that the Dare to Repair campaign would be coming to the Senior Center Thursday, August 27. Residents can pre-register to bring their broken appliances and other household items from 4:30-7:30 PM to be fixed at no charge. Councilmember Wrazen chimed in that the cool thing about the program is that they encourage residents to participate in the repair so they can learn as well. The Rotary Club will also be at the event collecting bicycle donations.

Councilmember Armbrust spoke about the most recent meeting regarding the Going Places Van program earlier this month and that it will be a discussion at the next Town Board Work Session. She also touched on the Blue Zone meetings the previous week and the Downtown Revitalization presentation. Councilmember Armbrust also mentioned she and her colleagues were able to check-in on the Town Court remodeling project thanks to Supervisor Snyder.

Councilmember Wrazen reported that Eric County acknowledged receipt of the Town's Letter of Intent to join their pilot composting program. Communication to set up a time to meet with the county regarding getting the program up and running is ongoing.

Supervisor Snyder began by complimenting all that participated and helped organize this year's 3rd of July events and parade, as all were a success. He thanked the Recreation Department, the East Aurora Police Department, the Highway Department and Village Department of Public Works for all working together to facilitate the events that he believes brought record crowds this year. As far as the Fourth of July event that was supposed to take place, Supervisor Snyder had checked the weather that day and decided it was best to cancel. He did express appreciation for those who still gathered. The portion of the event that was dedicated to locking the Time Capsule will be rescheduled for Thursday July 16 at the Aurora Municipal Center. Supervisor Snyder then discussed the meeting he had with Waste Management and announced that a representative from the company will be attending the July 27, 2026 Town Board Meeting to address any questions or comments any residents might have. The tentative roll out date for the new Waste Management program is August 24, 2026. Supervisor Snyder concluded with expressing how honored he was to have had the opportunity, alongside Mayor Wochensky, to present a proclamation to the Garden Club for their 100th anniversary.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent Gunner had no report

Police Chief Welch reiterated the success of the Independence Day celebrations. He commented he believes it was the longest parade ever, and barring a few breakdowns of a participating Zamboni machine, it went very smoothly. The next major event in the Town and Village is the Sidewalk Sale on July 25th. There is a new permitting process with that, which they are learning. Chief Welch also mentioned that there are three upcoming retirements from the Police Department happening in the next couple of months, so they are in the process of accepting recommendations and resumes as well as conducting interviews to fill those positions. Chief Welch will also be attending a trip with Mayor Wochensky to Niagara on the Lake with village officials and residents to meet with their local government to discuss how they run things and get ideas to bring back to our Town and Village. Chief Welch went on to say has received verbal confirmation from Legislature Lindsay Lorigo that she's going to have some funding secured for a couple of e-bikes for the Police Department. Also, they have been enforcing new speed limits on Luther and Snyder Road in the Town. Lastly, Chief Welch announced they have been putting together plans for National Night Out, the first to be held in 15 years. This event is a nationally sponsored event for the community to intermingle with police and first responders and will occur on August 4th, 2026, from 6-9 PM.

Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Miga had no report

Recreation Director Musshafen began by encouraging everyone to thank the special event coordinator of the 3rd of July events, Meaghan Tent. He commended her hard work and dedication leading up to and on the day of the events. Director Musshafen commented that the Day Camp program is going great and thanks to Allie Dickson, the camp director at J.P. Nicely Park. Director Musshafen then moved on to mention the Going Places Van and the fact that the Senior Center will be taking over, and dispatch responsibilities will be handed over to Erie County. He mentioned what an honor it was to have worked on the program since the day he got to the Rec. Department and that he cherishes the relationships he has formed because of it. He is confident Donna Bodekor at the Senior Center will do an excellent job with the program, as she does with everything else. Moving on to updates from the Community Pool, there were both good and bad. The bad was an acid leak that was taken care of by the local Fire Department and then subsequently a HAZMAT team. It has been completely resolved. The good was a positive annual assessment from Erie County, who were impressed, as always, with the lifeguards and staff at the pool. He gave a special shout out to lifeguard Parker Nagy who had the first and only rescue of the season; the swimmer was safe and able to return to playing in the pool soon after. Lastly, Director Musshafen invited all to the 60-Year Re-Dedication Ceremony that will take place at the Community Pool on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 11 AM.

Zoning Board Chair Ernst had no report but commended all organizers of the July 3rd events.

Zoning Board member Simone had no report

Planning Board Chairman Crow had no report

Deputy Supervisor McCann moved to adjourn at 7:06 PM, seconded by Councilmember Garvey. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #251
Meeting
adjourned

Stephanie Meyer
Deputy Town Clerk