

Town of Aurora | Town Board Meeting | August 10, 2026

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, July 27, 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 Joseph McCann Charles D. Snyder Raymond Wrazen	Councilmember Deputy Supervisor Supervisor Councilmember
Excused:	Jessica Armbrust	Councilmember
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney Chris Musshafen David Gunner Rich Miga Patrick Welch Douglas Crow Paul Ernst Rodney Simeone	Town Attorney Recreation Director Highway Superintendent Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Chief of Police Planning Board Chair Zoning Board Chair Zoning Board Member

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

Supv. 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 (Supv.) McCann moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of July 27, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes and August 10, 2026 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers 908 through 984 and manual check vouchers 985 and 986 to be paid from the following funds:

Action #276
7/27/26 Town Board minutes & 8/10/26 abstract approved

General Fund	\$	32,613.44
Highway Part Town Fund	\$	306,220.52
Village Bridge Repairs	\$	64,986.09
Trust & Agency	\$	280.69
Water	\$	1,847.27
Grand Total Abstract	\$	405,948.01

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

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilmember Wrazen moved to set August 24, 2026 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave., E. Aurora, as the date, time and place to hold a public hearing on a Special Use Permit (SUP) application for an expansion to the existing ground mounted solar array for 2100 Lewis Road, S. Wales, NY. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #277
Public Hearing set for 2100 Lewis Rd SUP

Councilmember Garvey moved to approve payment no. 5 to Oakgrove Construction, Inc., 6900 Seneca Street, PO Box 103, Elma, NY, in the amount of \$4,386.30 for construction services rendered from 12/24/2025 – 7/6/2026 for the Church Street culvert replacement project, seconded by Deputy Supv. McCann. Funds will be disbursed from H7 5120.230. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #278
Oakgrove payment #5 for Church St culvert replacement approved

Deputy Supv. McCann moved to approve the following payments disbursed from H7 5120.210 to Azar Design Co., 295 Main Street, Suite 200, Buffalo, NY, seconded by Councilmember Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #279
Oakgrove payment #5 for Church St culvert replacement approved

Pymt #	Amount	Project	Service Dates
15	\$14,530.19	Shearer Ave culvert	6/27/26-7/31/26
17	\$36,294.85	Cornwall Rd culvert	6/27/26-7/31/26
14	\$ 7,776.31	Brooklea Dr bridge	6/27/26-7/31/26
25	\$ 1,356.23	Church St culvert	1/31/26-6/26/26
26	\$ 642.21	E. Fillmore culvert	4/25/26-7/31/26

Councilmember Garvey moved to authorize the Supv. to sign the Uncompleted Work Agreement (UWA) with Oakgrove Construction, 6900 Seneca St., Elma, NY 14059 for the Church St culvert replacement project Contract D040611, seconded by Deputy Supv. McCann. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #280
Supv. authorized to sign Church St UWA

NEW BUSINESS:

Supv. Snyder asked for a motion to add an agenda item related to a temporary role as Assistant to the Supervisor. Councilmember Wrazen moved and Councilmember Garvey seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.	Action #281 Add an item to the agenda approved
Supv. Snyder asked for a motion to add an executive session to New Business about ongoing litigation; Deputy Supv. McCann moved and was seconded by Councilmember Garvey. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.	Action #282 Add executive session to agenda approved
Councilmember Wrazen moved to refer a Special Use Permit application for 558 Buffalo Road, E. Aurora, NY to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s), seconded by Councilmember Garvey. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.	Action #283 Refer 558 Buffalo Rd SUP to Planning
Deputy Supv. McCann moved to approve the overnight travel for Town Assessor Stephen Pigeon to attend the New York State Assessor's Association conference September 28 – October 1. Expenses will be paid from line A1355.404: - Conference registration: \$590 - Hotel – 3 night stay: \$687 Councilmember Garvey seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.	Action #284 S. Pigeon overnight travel approved
Councilmember Wrazen moved to approve the Zoning Secretary, Stephanie Meyer, to be paid overtime from B8010.100 on an exceptional basis in lieu of accruing comp time with prior approval from the Town Clerk and seconded by Councilmember Garvey. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.	Action #285 Zoning Secretary limited overtime use approved
Deputy Supv. McCann moved to approve the title change for Highway employee Joseph Kenefick from Truck Driver to Motor Equipment Operator with an hourly pay rate of \$33.84 effective August 15, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garvey. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.	Action #286 Highway employee J. Kenefick pay rate increase approved
Councilmember Garvey moved to approve Highway new hire Henry Roberts, 702 Main Street, East Aurora as a Union Laborer effective August 17, 2026 with an hourly pay rate of \$20.80. Councilmember Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.	Action #287 Highway new hire H. Roberts approved
Deputy Supv. McCann moved to authorize the Supv. to sign a 60-month agreement with GoNetspeed replacing Spectrum as the Aurora Municipal Center's internet service provider. Councilmember Wrazen seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.	Action #288 Supv. authorized to sign GoNetspeed contract
Councilmember Wrazen moved to approve work with the town grant writer to pursue a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Recycling Equipment Grant which would be used toward the purchase of a 33k GVW cab and chassis with swap-loader hook and a 1 Ton Dual Wheel Truck Cab with 11' Dump Box. The board will need to approve the purchase of these two trucks. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.	Action #289 Grant writing work approved for NYSDC Recycling Equipment
Deputy Supv. McCann moved to authorize the Supv. to sign a contract with Hybrid Building Solutions to build a salt barn by Hybrid Building Systems, an approved dealer of Sourcewell (contract # 071223-CLH) in the amount of \$477,748. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garvey. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.	Action #290 Supv. to sign salt barn contract authorized
Projected NYSDC grant award is \$486,044 contingent upon a Town of Aurora match of \$121,511.	Action #291 M. Librock temporary Assistant to Supv. approved
Councilmember Garvey moved to approve compensating temporary appointee Martha Librock to serve as a contract employee in the role of Assistant to the Supervisor at a rate of \$31.27 an hour effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.	

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

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| A. Town Clerk – Jul '26 Report | E. Work Requisitions – Jul '26 Report |
| B. Sr. Center – Jul '26 Report | F. Dog Control – Jun '26 Report |
| C. Recreation – Jun '26 Report | G. Building Department – Jul '26 Report |
| D. Recreation – Jul '26 Report | |

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilmember Garvey commented on the success on National Night Out and a fun time for his family. He also met with Mastersons Garden Center regarding the roundabout at the convergence of Route 16 and the 400 to socialize a cleanup and potential transformation of the plot to a water smart pollinator garden. The Climate Smart Committee expressed interest in assisting as this would align with Climate Smart goals. Councilmember Garvey offered a reminder about the Dare-to-Repair Café on August 27 at the Aurora Senior Center and asked that interested parties register to attend. A representative from Erie County will be onsite to talk about the composting program.

Councilmember Wrazen agreed with Councilmember Garvey recognizing the strong National Night Out attendance. On the note of the composting program, the Town of Aurora already distributed their allotment of table top composting bins, so Councilmember Wrazen partnered with the Village of East Aurora to share some of their excess. In light of the popularity of the bins, more are being ordered. First compost drop off begins August 15, 2026 at the Village Department of Public Works.

Supv. Snyder also offered his thanks to Chief Welch, Village Department of Public Works and Town Highway Department for all efforts that went into the National Night Out event. Regarding the Code Review Committee, they will soon have sections to recommend to the Planning Board for review. They are working two at a time to meter the code update process.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent Gunner reported a busy project season with the work on West Falls Park Lodge expected to be complete the next day. He noted that a few weeks ago, they completed work on the parking lot and kayak boat launch at Majors Park. He's planning to have his team begin work on Castle Hill paving this week. He's looking forward to starting work on the salt barn project which will be partially offset by NYDEC Grants; and landscaping at the Aurora Municipal Center.

Police Chief Welch spoke with appreciation for the National Night Out sponsors that made it a free event for the community and to the volunteers for their time and effort. Starting last week, Karin Dojnik was hired as Senior Police Clerk replacing Darlene Williamson who is retiring. With Officer Rick Gottstine retiring, Chief Welch is in the process of finalizing a selection for a new officer. Chief Welch met with the Borderland event lead, Jennifer Brazill, to review the traffic plan for the upcoming festival in September and agreed they would follow the same process used in 2025. Regarding police vehicle and officer camera technology, Chief Welch is applying for the New York State Law Enforcement Technology grant as the current equipment is about 10 years old. Depending on the outcome of the grant, they may need to fund the difference in the cost of updating the cameras.

Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Miga stated notifications went out to local businesses for upcoming fire inspections.

Recreation Director Musshafen commented that the busy summer season has wound down; just the Chess Camp is in session. He thanked the summer staff and a special thanks to Oliver Biggs who after 10 years won't be returning next year. Director Musshafen also spoke with great appreciation for Assistant to the Supervisor and Budget Officer Kathleen Moffatt who was supportive and helpful to him. And that she accounted for every dollar, having recently received an email from her inquiring about where \$0.43 was.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Member Rod Simeone reported that there is a upcoming unique use variance in which the ZBA Board will be seeking Town Board advisement.

Deputy Supv. McCann moved to enter into executive session at 7:00 PM to discuss ongoing litigation. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #292
Board enters executive session

Deputy Supv. McCann moved to exit executive session at 7:05 PM. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #293
Board exits executive session

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

Action #294
Meeting adjourned

Jeanne H. Viger
Town Clerk