

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, February 23, 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 streamed via YouTube.

Present:	Joseph McCann	Councilmember
	Raymond M. Wrazen	Councilmember
	Jessica Armbrust	Councilmember
	Luke Wochensky	Councilmember
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Rich Miga	Assistant Code Enforcement Officer
	Paul Ernst	Zoning Board Chairman
	Rod Simeone	Zoning Board Member
	Douglas Crow	Planning Board Chairman
	Patrick Welch	Chief of Police
	Gene Majchrzak	WNY Regional Coordinator for Senator Pat Gallivan

Supervisor Snyder opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Afterwards, he introduced an audience member Gene Majchrzak, WNY Regional Coordinator, a representative of Senator Pat Gallivan's. Mr. Majchrzak greeted the room and offered up an opportunity for questions before or after the meeting. Supervisor Snyder then moved on to the consent agenda items.

Councilmember McCann moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the February 9, 2026 town board meeting minutes and the February 23, 2026 – 2025 Encumbered Abstract of Claims, voucher 1919, to be paid from the following funds:

Action #57
2/9/26 TB min,
2/23/26-25 &
2/23/26 enc
abstracts aprvd

General Fund	\$	4,686.54
Special Districts	\$	277.52
Grand Total Abstract	\$	4,964.06

And the February 23, 2026 Abstract of Claims, vouchers 126 to 177, to be paid from the following funds:

General Fund	\$	46,373.76
Part Town Fund	\$	1,918,596.00
Highway Part Town Fund	\$	50,754.11
Village Bridge Repairs	\$	2,893.50
Special Districts	\$	590,078.81
Trust & Agency	\$	644,409.02
Grand Total Abstract	\$	3,253,105.20

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

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilmember Armbrust moved to set 6:30 PM on Monday, March 9, 2026 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, as the new time, date and place for a public hearing on a site plan and special use permit applications for 359 Quaker Road. Councilmember Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried. Councilmember Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #58
New Public
Hearing date 359
Quaker 3/9 apvd

Councilmember Wochensky moved to set 6:30 PM on Monday, March 9, 2026 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, as the new time, date and place for a public hearing on a proposed Local Law to increase the Highway Superintendent salary. Councilmember McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #59
New Public
Hearing date LL1-
2026 Dog Control
3/9 apvd

Councilmember Wrazen moved to approve payments with funds disbursed from budget line H7 5120.210 to Azar Design company for professional services:

Pymt #	Amount	Project	Dates
24	\$ 2136.36	Church St culvert	1/1-1/30/26
24	\$ 757.14	E. Fillmore Ave culvert	1/1-1/30/26

Action #60
Azar Pymts for
culverts aprvd

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

Councilmember McCann moved to adopt the following resolution; seconded by Councilmember Wochensky:

Action #61
50 Center Ridge
SEQR negative
declaration

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Aurora declares itself as an interested agency with regard to SEQR for the Site Plan application for solar panel installation at 50 Center Ridge 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

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Aurora has determined that this 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 solar panel installation at 50 Center Ridge 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 #62
50 Center Ridge
site plan aprvd

WHEREAS, Empire Solar Solutions, LLC on behalf of Thomas Miller, owner, has submitted a Site Plan Review Application for solar panel installation at 50 Center Ridge Road East Aurora NY; and

WHEREAS, at their February 23, 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 SEQRA 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 50 Center Ridge Road, East Aurora, NY, consisting of solar panel installation is approved by the Town Board.

Councilmember Wochensky moved to set 6:30 PM on Monday, March 9, 2026 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, as the time, date and place for a public hearing on a site plan application for 600 Olean Road. Councilmember McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #63
Public Hearing
date 600 Olean Rd
3/9 apvd

Councilmember Wrazen moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign an Out of District Water Customer Agreement for 8815 Falls Road, PO West Falls, in the Town of Colden (SBL#213.00-4-5.112). The current property owner is Nathan Kalwicki. Councilmember Armbrust seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #64
Supv auth to sign
OOD water agrmt
with owners of 8815
Falls Rd (Colden)

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NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember McCann moved on a motion to approve budget transfers and amendments for 2025 year end. Councilmember Wochensky seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #65
2025 budget
transfers &
amendments
aprvd

Councilmember Armbrust moved to approve appointment of new Zoning Board of Appeals member David Murray. Councilmember Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #66
New ZBA member
appointment
aprvd 2/23-
12/31/26

Councilmember Wochensky moved to authorize the addition of Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Meyer as an authorized agent on the Town Clerk checking account at the Bank of Holland, a designated depository for the Town of Aurora. Councilmember McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #67
S. Meyer added as auth agent on Town Clerk Bank of Holland account

Councilmember Wrazen moved to refer the Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review from Rachel Krajewski of Carner Development Group at 1196 Big Tree Road, East Aurora, NY to operate a campground, and construct seasonal cottages, treehouses, a lodge and convert existing residences into sleeping rooms and an administration building to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s). Councilmember Armbrust seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #68
1196 Big Tree site plan & SUP referred to Planning Brd

COMMUNICATIONS and REPORTS:

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| A. Building Permits Report – Jan '26 | D. Supervisor Report – Jan '26 |
| B. Calls & Complaints Report – Jan '26 | E. Police Department Report – Jan '26 |
| C. Dog Control Report – Jan '26 | |

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilmember Wrazen shared that he attended the Planning Board meeting that focused on review of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan that helped him formalize a communication that will outline some next steps that include forming an oversight implementation committee as well as conducting a zoning and audit reconciliation that will compare the future land use plan to zoning. Planning Board Chairman Crow added that an implementation recommendation summary will be provided to the board the week of February 23, 2026. Councilmember Wrazen added that he will confer with a colleague who has participated in a Comprehensive Plan rollout for further rollout ideas. In closing, he stated he'd connect with the grant writer Robbyn to see if there is any funding available for launching a Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Armbrust also partook in the Planning Board meeting and expressed her appreciation of the dedication and thoughtfulness of the board while they reviewed the Comprehensive Plan. She also attended her first Sewer District meeting with Councilmember Wrazen where she learned of an upcoming project to change the existing sand filters to cloth, which can be replaced for water polishing. Tours of the facility will be offered when the weather improves.

Councilmember Wochensky talked about the change of date for the Climate Smart Task Force meeting which was rescheduled to Wednesday February 25, 2026. He asked for participation especially in light of a planning meeting that will guide what the committee will do through the end of the year as they seek Silver Certification. Councilmember asked about the meeting time stating there may be some confusion on the website. Councilmember Wochensky said he would look into that.

Councilmember McCann was accepted to attend the Utica Environmental Consortium in June. He will participate in the Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste Authority Food to Energy Educational Program. Additionally he mentioned attending the latest Zoning Board of Appeals meeting noting it was well run.

Supervisor Snyder shared that he and Councilmember Wrazen met with Waste Management to discuss the roll out of bins in the town with a new start date of September 1, 2026 committing to a well-constructed communication plan for residents. He also met with a representative from GoNetspeed to help to provide internet in the gap sections of Willardshire and Knox Roads. Councilmember Wochensky added that one of the service issues is the private road.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Police Chief Welch said three new part-time dispatchers have been hired. He's also asked the Village to approve hiring a new full-time police officer who would be a lateral transfer from Rochester. The department is applying for funding from Senator Charles Schumer's for a federal cops grant. Chief Welch has been sourcing some reasonably priced used office furniture to update the department. He has also repurposed one of the former police chief offices to serve as a conference/briefing room which means the entire first floor is now useable space.

Planning Board Chairman Crow mentioned the Planning Board meeting held the week prior in review of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan and the forthcoming memo with recommendations about priorities and implementation indicated that he's been traveling and was unable to attend some meetings. He's looking forward to the February Planning Board meeting where they will discuss the Comprehensive Plan and a few other referred projects.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Member Rod Simeone thanked the board for considering applicants with technical experience and is pleased with the appointee.

Councilmember McCann moved to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #69
Meeting
adjourned

Jeanne H. Viger
Town Clerk