

VILLAGE OF EAST AURORA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING October 05, 2026 – 7:02 PM

Present:

Trustee Cameron
Trustee Bojanowski
Trustee Kamp
Deputy Mayor Root

Absent:

Trustee Viger
Trustee Lazickas
Mayor Wochensky

Also Present:

Maureen Jerackas, Clerk-Treasurer
Jessica Tufte- Village Administrator
Kevin Rautenstrauch, Village Attorney
Liz Cassidy, Code Enforcement Officer
Jeff Stoll, General Foreman
Patrick Welch, Police Chief
32 Members of the public

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Deputy Mayor Root opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 pm to consider the Community Development Block Grant
 - Clerk-Treasurer Jerackas reviewed what this grant is for and said that the Town of Aurora asked to be added with an ADA ramp for the library as second on our resolution for support.
 - No public comments were made.
- Deputy Mayor Root closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 pm.

SPEAKERS & COMMUNICATIONS (I) – Agenda Items Only

- Victoria Sturman- Executive Director for EA Chamber of Commerce- She explained why the chamber wants to amend the permit for Carolcade and change the date from December 19th to December 18th.
- Mike Yohe- Pub Crawl Applicant- He said that he has owned this business for 4 years now and would like a longer permit than 60 days, maybe a year.
- Jinx Griffin- 24 Hamlin Ave- She was asking if there was going to be a change in feet from her property in regard to the 206 Main Street application. Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy said that the property has an existing 7-foot fence along the boundary of the parking lot to the north and east, and the buffer zone of 36-40 inches that's currently in the code was added in 2019. They are not necessarily required to meet the 5- foot buffer, but they absolutely need to maintain what is there currently.

CONSENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Deputy Mayor Root reviewed each item and moved the Erie County CDBG-funded projects to the Official Considerations section. Trustee Bojanowski asked about Santa being at two events on the same day, Victoria Sturman said that there will be cookie decorating at the previous Santa's workshop area for the Holiday Magic, because Santa will be at the Wonderland event.
- A Motion by Trustee Bojanowski to approve all consent agenda items,

- Approval of Minutes of Village Board Meeting for September 21, 2026.
- Approval of Payment for October 5, 2026, Abstract 2026/2027 fiscal year for a total of \$218,450.44.
- Accept the following as members of the East Aurora Fire Department: Ryan Fiegl.
- Approve a Temporary Use Permit for Victoria Sturman of EA Chamber of Commerce Holiday Magic in the Village, Saturday, December 19, 2026, 12 - 4 pm at the Roycroft Campus.
- Approve a Temporary Use Permit for Joel Brandon of EA Rotary Foundation East Aurora Wonderland on Friday, Nov 27 & Dec 4, 11 & 18 from 12-8 pm; Saturday, Nov 28 & Dec 5, 12 & 19 from 12-8 pm; and Sunday, Nov 29 & Dec 6, 13 & 20 from 12-4 pm at the Roycroft Campus.
- Approve a Temporary Use Permit for Holly Layer of East Aurora Runners to hold the Turk-EA-Trot on November 26, 2026, at 9 am.
- Set a public hearing for November 2, 2026, to consider changing a section of the Village Code for the development of any self-storage facilities.

The foregoing motions and resolutions were seconded by Trustee Kamp and unanimously approved.

OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A motion by Trustee Kamp to approve a peddler solicitor permit for Michael Yohe to operate a horse-drawn carriage, seconded by Trustee Cameron and unanimously approved.
- A motion by Trustee Cameron to approve a Temporary Use Permit for Victoria Sturman of the EA Chamber of Commerce Carolcade Friday, December 18, 2026, 7-8 pm on Main Street in front of Vidler's, seconded by Trustee Kamp and unanimously approved.
- **Resolution of the Village of East Aurora of a Determination of Non-Significance pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in the matter of the Site Plan Application for 206 Main Street, to modify the west exterior façade that includes the installation of a 10'x12' roll-up door, a double door, and to extend the exterior wall and roof for the enlargement of the interior stairway.**

WHEREAS, the applicant has filed Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) with this Board, a copy of which is included by reference and made a part hereof, relating to the proposed project at 206 Main Street, East Aurora, New York, wherein the applicant, Ryan Kanowski of 206 EANY, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Village Planning Commission, after carefully and fully reviewing the application, including the Site Plan attached thereto, with any and all amendments and modifications, and considering comments and documentation presented for and against the project, voted in the majority recommending approval, with findings; and

WHEREAS, the Village SEQRA Intake Committee carefully and fully reviewed Part 1 of the SEAF submitted by applicants including the Site Plan attached thereto, and the above-referenced amendments and modifications; and

WHEREAS, the Village SEQRA Intake Committee, after their review of the above, prepared Parts 2 and 3 of the SEAF with a recommendation of the issuance of the Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance for submission to, and consideration by, the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees, upon taking an independent hard look and reasoned evaluation of the above-referenced information, comments and written documentation, including, but not limited to, Part 1 of the SEAF; comments, recommendations, findings and conditions of the Planning Commission, the Site Plan and the recommendation of the SEQRA Intake Committee and that Committee's completed Parts 2 and 3 of the SEAF concerning the potential environmental impacts of the project; all of which are incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, upon carefully and fully reviewing all the information, comments and written documentation in regard to the project, made a finding that there are no significant environmental impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of East Aurora as Lead Agency has determined that the proposed action described in the SEAF, submitted by the applicants, for the site plan proposed to modify the west exterior façade that includes the installation of a 10'x12' roll-up door, a double door, and to extend the exterior wall and roof for the enlargement of the interior stairway. 206 Main Street, as detailed in the Site Plan Application dated July 14, 2026, is classified as an Unlisted Action and therefore issues a Negative Declaration, that this development will not have a significant environmental impact and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be required nor prepared. The foregoing resolution was duly made by Trustee Cameron and seconded by Trustee Kamp and carried on October 5, 2026.

- Trustee Kamp spoke about the site plan and what is included in it versus a special use permit. He spoke about the garage door being closed during live music and will not be used for egress. Trustee Kamp said that this is not the Special Use Permit and that the application will be on the next meeting.

- **Resolution of the Village Board of East Aurora Approving the Site Plan for 206 Main Street, to modify the west exterior façade that includes the installation of a 10'x12' roll-up door, a double door, and to extend the exterior wall and roof for the enlargement of the interior stairway.**

WHEREAS, an application has been submitted for Site Plan Approval at the above-referenced property by applicant Ryan Kanowski of 206 EANY, LLC,

WHEREAS, the Village Board referred the site plan to the Planning Commission for review, comment, and recommendation, and the Planning Commission resolution recommending site plan approval, with findings and no conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Village's SEQRA Intake Committee considered the application and reviewed Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form submitted by the applicant and completed Part 2 and Part 3 thereof on behalf of the Village, and it was the recommendation of the SEQRA Committee and approved by the Village Board as a Negative Declaration, including that the proposed development plan is an Unlisted Action and would have no significant environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board at a public meeting reviewed and considered further the comments and all written materials submitted by the applicant and all other information and recommendations before the Board, including minutes of prior Village Board meetings and the recommendations from the SEQRA Intake Committee and Planning Commission, and the referral and response from the Erie County Division of Planning declaring: No Recommendation; proposed action has been reviewed and determined to be of local concern; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board received and considered the Site Plan, the above referenced upgrades, and any and all amendments thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has separately considered the environmental impacts of the project, declared itself Lead Agency, and issued a Negative Declaration of environmental significance, with the proposal classified as an Unlisted Action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board as follows:

The Findings of Fact of the SEQRA Intake Committee, the resolution with findings of the Planning Commission, and the site plan application, all information included in the minutes taken in relation to the abovementioned Village Board and Planning Commission meetings, are herein incorporated by reference, including the following findings of the Planning Commission:

Applicant proposes improving the aesthetics of the west wall consistent with the Village's Commercial Guidelines.

The design is a reflection of the history of the building

Significant improvement to the streetscape along Hamlin.

No additional outdoor dining

The applicant proposes no improvements to the second floor, and its use is not part of this application.

Conditions:

Only downlighting on the exterior of the building.

The applicant will consider enhanced ornamental brickwork on the façade.

The Resolution of the Village Board considering the environmental impacts of the project and the issuance of a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance is incorporated herein by reference, The Site Plan relating to the proposed project at 206 Main Street, East Aurora, New York, wherein the applicant proposes to modify the west exterior façade that includes the installation of a 10'x12' roll-up door, a double door, and to extend the exterior wall and roof for the enlargement of the interior stairway, as detailed on documents submitted with the application, is hereby approved and is subject to the following additional conditions:

The resolution is effective immediately, approving the issuance of a development and construction permit as hereinbefore set forth, subject to compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and codes.

The foregoing resolution was duly made by Trustee Kamp and seconded by Trustee Bojanowski and carried on October 5, 2026.

- **AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

Trustee Kamp, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of East Aurora desires to enter into a contract to participate in the Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for the following projects, listed in order of their ranking of priority by the East Aurora Village Board:

1. Police Station Elevator Modernization
2. ADA Ramp for Library
3. Rural Transit Service program for the 2027 - 2028 year;

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of East Aurora deems it in the public interest to authorize the Mayor of the Village of East Aurora to sign, submit, and execute contracts for ECCDBG-funded projects, upon approval of the ECCDBG program for the aforementioned projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of East Aurora hereby authorizes the Mayor of the Village of East Aurora to sign, submit, and execute contracts for ECCDBG-funded projects, upon approval of the ECCDBG program for the following projects, listed in order of their ranking priority:

1. Police Station Elevator Modernization
2. Town of Aurora ADA for Library Ramp
3. Rural Transit Service program for the 2027 - 2028 year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk–Treasurer forward a certified copy of this resolution to the ECCDBG Erie County Consortium. The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Cameron, and was unanimously approved

OLD BUSINESS

- Pine and Girard All-Way Stop- Deputy Mayor Root said that there will be a public comment at the next board meeting for residents to give more input. Trustee Kamp gave an update on the county and the engineer's input on the stop sign. The study by the engineer agreed that many changes would need to be made in that area to make the all-way stop work and that there is no history of vehicle collisions from not being able to see. He said that the Village hopes to bring some ideas to the county to make some changes.

SPEAKERS & COMMUNICATIONS

- Joanne Ryan- 211 Porterville Rd- She has concerns over the safety on the Pine Street Extension. She said that there are no sidewalks and that the traffic has increased due to the collections on Saturday at the DPW. She would like white lines on the road to clearly show where the side of the road is to walk on safely.
- Jerry Thompson- 162 Pine St- He would like the Village to support a resolution that the Town of Aurora has submitted to the county to lower the speed between Girdle and Pine to 30mph. He supports getting a striped crosswalk put in on Pine.
- Michelle Parrish- 854 Lawrence- She asked the Village Board why it is difficult to get a crosswalk on Pine. Trustee Kamp said that it gives people a false sense of security and that other measures need to be taken as well. Mrs. Parrish asked if the Village owns any part of Pine Street; Trustee Kamp responded no. She asked if the Village would be willing to take over Pine from the county. Trustee Kamp and Trustee Cameron said that it could be looked into, but that cost was a large factor.
- Don Vidler- 694 Main St- He said that he would not want to make the Friday night Carolcade a new precedent.

Department Head and Trustee Reports

Police Chief- He reviewed the Carolcade road closure permit and why the state denied it for the Saturday date. The two new officers will be done with training this week and can get into the field. He has been working with the engineers on the updates for the police building. The police department is looking for part-time crossing guards if anyone is interested. He said that he is working with Trustee Kamp, General Foreman Stoll, and the safety committee on the Oakwood trick-or-treating traffic plan.

General Foreman Stoll- He said that the DPW found a decent-sized leak on South Street; they fixed the leak, restabilized, and are currently just fixing the road.

Code Enforcement- She reviewed a scam going on targeting Village applicants and sending them fake invoices that look like they are from the Village. Application fees are always up front and never invoiced unless discussed with the applicant, and the Village does not accept wire payments.

Village Administrator- She said the Village is submitting an application for the revitalization initiative. She said that she will be going around the Village handing out business interest forms for potential money for private businesses through this grant. She is working on a climate-smart task force with the Town of Aurora. The holiday planning for the Village is underway, and they are looking for more volunteers.

Trustee Bojanowski- He said that he attended Erie County District 8 training and is looking into other options for electronic pickups and drop-offs.

Trustee Kamp- none

Clerk- Treasurer- She said that water payments can now be made through ACH online.

Trustee Cameron- She said that the Capital Committee is getting ready to start meeting again to work on the capital plan update. Police Chief Welch said that the police department will be at the senior center once a month starting on October 22 to make seniors aware of possible scams and answer questions.

Deputy Mayor Root- none

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Kamp to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm, seconded by Trustee Bojanowski and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Jerackas
Clerk-Treasurer