

Town of Aurora | Work Session | April 21, 2026

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 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.

Present:	Joseph McCann Raymond M. Wrazen Jessica Armbrust Charles D. Snyder	Councilmember Councilmember Councilmember Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
Others present:	David Gunner Donna Bodekor Stephanie Meyer	Highway Superintendent Senior Citizen Recreation Leader Deputy Town Clerk

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

1) New Energy System:

Kevin Kruetzer from NextEra Energy presented the Municipal Energy Management Program (MEMP) to the board. This plan proposes a fixed rate for the town's NYSEG Electric and National Fuel gas costs. Currently, the town has a variable rate through a co-op that changes monthly, which is affected by a wide range of conditions and can be unpredictable. The MEMP would also push to use as much renewable energy as possible. Mr. Kruetzer explained that current program may not be able to handle the scale of the current need and that a fixed rate is more budget-friendly and predictable. Talks then turned to the board having looked at different programs in the past but always circling back to a variable rate. It was also mentioned that NextEra Energy did purchase New Era Energy, which the town has used in the past, but was assured that NextEra does have a different strategy.

2) Wheelchair Van Service:

Donna Bodeker from the Senior Center was present to tell the board about an opportunity through Erie County to receive a new wheelchair accessible van for the town's residents to use for transport. The option was presented to keep both vans and issues of storage, maintenance, and gas for two vehicles were discussed. The Supervisor and Councilmembers also analyzed whether the usage of the current van deemed having both necessary. They also would like to know if the old van would be turned back over to the county, or if it was the town's responsibility.

3) MuniciPay – Online Tax Bill Pay:

Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Meyer was present to educate the board about MuniciPay and the ability for residents to pay their taxes online with the signing of a new contract. MuniciPay is the system currently in place to take credit cards in person at the clerk's office and this new contract would allow residents to pay online with an 'e-check' for a nominal fee. There would be no cost to the tax payer to implement the program, and while Brigid Moloney did look over the contract and point out some concerns, Town Clerk Viger, DTC Meyer and Supervisor Snyder have spoken with peers in other municipalities that use MuniciPay for online tax bill payment, and confirmed it is a very low risk to the town. The Town Clerk's office is hoping to get the contract signed and online tax bill pay implemented by the 2026 School Tax season at the latest.

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4) Door Security System Upgrade:

The Town's IT Specialist, Nick Fodero was present and spoke with the board about upgrading the doors at town hall and the security system that is used to lock and unlock them. The current software that is used is at End of Life and the company, Honeywell, no longer services it. Mr. Fodero has been receiving quotes from different companies, and his goal is to find a new system that can use as much of the existing equipment as possible, as well as meet the current and possible future needs of the Town.

5) Highway – Equipment/Materials presentation:

Highway Superintendent David Gunner presented his 10-year equipment plan. The board discussed the allocations of funds for new equipment, including a tri-axle dump truck, a grapple truck, and plowing equipment. Superintendent Gunner explained the effects that supply chain issues have caused when ordering this new equipment, but the grants that the town has applied for may come to fruition earlier than expected. The rising cost of materials was also mentioned and how it may affect summer projects in the coming months.

6) Town of Aurora Website:

In a memo to the board, current Webmaster Robert Goller addressed the need for American Disability Act (ADA) Accessibility changes on the website that need to be made by April 2027 for new federal accessibility requirements. He expressed that he would be unable to take on the expanded duties that would be required with these new guidelines and recommended the possibility of appointing someone else to the role. It was noted that both Town Clerk Jeanne Viger and Councilmember Wrazen were interested in the position.

7) CodeRed Discussion:

Dan Dytchkowskyj and Mark Hartley were present to represent the Emergency Management team and discuss the CodeRed program the town currently has in place. The board, as well as Dan, Mark, and Superintendent Gunner discussed their dissatisfaction with the current system and how recent events were relayed to the public. It was suggested that a meeting and possibly a committee be set up to discuss exactly what is needed/wanted in an emergency broadcast program for the town and then shopping around for a new system.

Supervisor Snyder concluded the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Stephanie L. Meyer, Deputy Town Clerk