

Town of Aurora | Work Session | July 21, 2026

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:30 PM 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. The Work session was also live streamed via YouTube.

Present:	Benjamin Garvey Jessica Armbrust Joseph McCann Charles D. Snyder	Councilmember Councilmember Deputy Supervisor Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Brigid Maloney Raymond Wrazen	Town Attorney Councilmember
Others present:	Elizabeth Cassidy Paul Ernst	Code Enforcement Officer Zoning Board Chair

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

1) 1196 Big Tree Road, Special Use Permit:

Rachel Kajewski of Carner Development and Peter Sorgi, Project Attorney, were present to discuss the Special Use Permit (SUP) for the wellness campground to be built at 1196 Big Tree Rd. Supervisor Snyder reminded the board that the project meets the Town's building code and has been approved by Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy, this was just to discuss the SUP only.

Town Resident Joseph Quinn had provided the board with research he had done regarding the traffic and traffic accidents in the area, which Supervisor Snyder read aloud. It was agreed that Carner Development had worked with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and that an official traffic study has been submitted and is still under review.

Supervisor Snyder then moved on to the onsite spa and gazebo and whether they would be accessory uses or open to the public. Krajewski expressed that the spa is already an established business that serves clients from the town and surrounding areas and that it would be still operated and open to the public. It was also explained that the gazebo would be open for rental by guests of the campground. The issue of parking was then brought up, and the number of guests that would be allowed to attend any events held by guests. Peter Sorgi brought up that the agreement was for 30 parking spaces to be built, with land banked for the possibility of 21 more to be built should the need arise.

Next was the subject of campfires on the property. Rachel Kajewski mentioned that right now, there are a few permanent firepits and a handful of propane firepits. She said that she is open to the idea of making all the firepits propane to eliminate some of the smoke and odor, as well as the safety risks that wood burning firepits bring.

The last item up for discussion was quiet times and enforcement of those quiet times. Rachel mentioned that at Carner Development's other properties, an enforced quiet time of 10 PM to 8 AM was standard, and that they planned to have a staff member onsite at all times. They are also looking into all soundproofing and sound barrier options, which would include getting a code variance for a fence along one edge of the property.

In conclusion, the Town has requested the terms for all the items discussed be put in writing and brought before the Town Board to be approved. Those items being parking spaces, the occupancy limit of events at the campground, firepit rules and regulations, quiet time rules and regulations, and an onsite caretaker/security.

2) NY Stingers baseball, use of fields:

Jason Kline from NY Stingers Baseball was present to discuss his company's use of the Town's baseball diamonds. His company is a baseball training academy that currently rents an indoor training facility and office space at 300 Gleed Avenue in the Village of East Aurora. When he put in a request to utilize the fields, he was quoted \$50/game. He brought his request to the Board to ask if that price could be reduced or waived, as he hoped they would be able to use the fields any time they are not in use by the Town programs, and for practice as well as games. They currently host games for 22 baseball teams and 7 softball teams at various diamond in the area but would also like to have the ability to host "home" games. Kline noted that his company brings in people from all over Western New York, and that most parents patronize local businesses and restaurants while their children are training at their facilities. He mentioned his company would also be willing to supply manpower and supplies to supplement their usage of the diamonds. Supervisor Snyder suggested that the Board would need to see a set schedule that they would like to use the fields, and Deputy Supervisor McCann agreed, adding they would also need to look in on the toll that additional wear and tear would take on the fields, as well as the Town's resources. He also mentioned that the request seemed reasonable, and that the \$50/game quote was most likely based on someone wanting to come in and play one game one time as opposed to regular use of the facilities, and that once all aspects are taken into account, a more reasonable quote could likely be given. Councilmember Garvey also agreed and expressed the need for garbage and recycling to be considered when hosting games.

3) Building Department software:

Code Enforcement Officer Elizabeth Cassidy brought the Board her research on a new software program for the Building Department. The current program that has been in use since 2020 is, in her words, clunky and not intuitive enough for their needs. They do not use the code portion of the software, instead they still use the old paper method, and there is nothing in the software for Fire Inspections. Cassidy looked into two software programs, one that uses AI for plan reviews but still lacks any program for Fire Inspection scheduling and processing, and the other being iWorq by Apple. This program has everything they are looking for, as well as a public facing portal for online payments. It would be a 3-year contract and cost \$20,000 annually, and if the contract can be signed by the end of July 2026, the company would reduce the implementation fee from \$12,000 to \$250. They also offered to begin implementation immediately and then begin invoicing for us in January of 2027. After the 3-year contract is up, it would be a year-to-year contract moving forward.

Deputy Supervisor McCann asked if any other municipalities in the area are currently using iWorq, and Elizabeth explained that she spoke with several other towns in the area that use the system and they were pleased with the customer service of the company, as well as how user friendly the software is. Supervisor Snyder questioned how much the current software costs, and Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy explained that it is \$16,000 a year, and that the contract is up next year and that the cost will most likely increase if the contract is renewed.

Disaster/HAZMAT Coordinator Dan Dytchowskyj was also in attendance and chimed in that he had been tasked with finding a new emergency alert system and found a platform called CivicPlus that encompasses what the Building Department needs, as well as, possibly, all the other departments. He said it may be worth holding off on signing a contract until this software is considered. The Board as well as Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy agreed that she will reach out to the company for a demonstration of CivicPlus and compare the two programs.

4) Waste Management meeting:

Supervisor Snyder wanted to remind the Board that a representative from Waste Management will be at the upcoming Board Meeting on Monday, July 27, 2026. He encouraged

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the councilmembers to come up with some questions and concerns that their constituents may have to ask the representative and mentioned that the public is also invited to attend the presentation. Councilmember Armbrust voiced concern about the public not knowing about the meeting, and Supervisor Snyder assured that it was written about in the July 15th edition of the Advertiser, as well as on our website.

5) Courts renovation status:

Supervisor Snyder discussed the renovations that will be occurring at the Town Court at 571 Main Street. The bid package should be completed by the end of this month and then will be put out for contractors to bid on. He also confirmed with Zoning Board Chair Paul Ernst that dates have been set for the Board to have the opportunity to do a walk through and learn more about the project.

6) Planning Board Interviews:

The last item discussed was the interviews that had been held for the two open alternate positions on the Planning Board. Four candidates were brought in, and all did great. Snyder then asked the board what their thoughts on bringing on three alternates, with Deputy Supervisor McCann, Councilmember Garvey and Councilmember Armbrust all agreeing that three alternates would only benefit the board and lighten the workload of current members.

Supervisor Snyder concluded the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Stephanie L. Meyer, Deputy Town Clerk