

VILLAGE OF EAST AURORA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING August 17, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Present:

Trustee Lazickas
Trustee Cameron
Trustee Bojanowski
Trustee Kamp
Deputy Mayor Root

Absent:

Trustee Viger
Mayor Wochensky

Also Present:

Maureen Jerackas, Clerk-Treasurer
Kevin Rautenstrauch- Village Attorney
Liz Cassidy, Code Enforcement Officer
Patrick Welch, Police Chief
11 Members of the public

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Deputy Mayor Root opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 pm to consider a Site Plan Application at 63 South Grove Street, David Surpinski, to construct an addition.
 - No public comment.Deputy Mayor Root closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 pm.
- Deputy Mayor Root opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 pm to consider a Local Law to Establish the Use and Authorization of the Official Village of East Aurora Seal.
 - No public commentDeputy Mayor Root closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 pm.

SPEAKERS & COMMUNICATIONS (I) – Agenda Items Only

- No public comment

CONSENT CONSIDERATIONS

Trustee Kamp said that he would like to move item E on the agenda under consent considerations to the official considerations section.

- A Motion by Trustee Bojanowski to approve all consent agenda items,
 - Approval of Minutes of Village Board Meeting for July 20, 2026
 - Approval of Payment for August 3, 2026, Abstract 2026/2027 fiscal year for a total of \$238,084.16.
 - Approval of Payment for August 17, 2026, Abstract 2026/2027 fiscal year for a total of \$462,548.58.
 - **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 63 South Grove, to remove and reconstruct a rear deck that is required to be moved so a rear addition can be constructed.**
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 49 Knox, East Aurora, New York, wherein the applicant, David Supinski; 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 remove and reconstruct a rear deck that is required to be moved so a rear addition can be constructed at 63 South Grove, as detailed in the Site Plan Application dated August 12, 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 Bojanowski and seconded by Trustee Lazickas and carried on August 17, 2026. Refer to the Planning Commission a Site Plan Application for 63 South Grove, David Surpinski, for deck reconstruction for the Addition

○ **Proposed Local Law to Establish the Use and Authorization of the Official Village of East Aurora Seal.**

Establishment of Seal.

The seal heretofore provided and used by and for the Village of East Aurora is hereby continued as the seal and emblem of the Village. Said seal, as depicted below shall be published in the Village's official Code Book, and facsimiles thereof shall be maintained by the Village Clerk.

Use of seal.

The Village Seal, logo, designs, slogans, images, trademarks or service marks shall be used only with, or in connection with, official Village of East Aurora website, documents and events and solely for the purpose of indicating that such website, document or event is an official website, document or event of the Village of East Aurora.

Unauthorized Use of Seal.

Unauthorized use; penalty. Any person who is not authorized by law to use, exhibit or display the Seal of the Village of East Aurora and who uses, exhibits or displays the Seal of the Village of East Aurora for purposes not directly associated with village business, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$250 or by imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or both. Each day's continuance of a violation after notice shall be deemed a

separate and distinct violation and shall be punishable accordingly.

Roll call vote resulted in the following:

- Trustee Lazickas- Aye
- Trustee Cameron- Aye
- Trustee Bojanowski- Aye
- Trustee Kamp- Aye
- Deputy Mayor Root- Aye
- Approve a Temporary Use Permit application for the EAHS, William Roberts, Homecoming Parade on September 25, at 1:30 pm.
- Approve a Hamlin Park Temporary Use Permit for EA Little Loop, Trisha Campbell, August 18 to November 14 from 6 to 8 pm.
- Set a Public Hearing, September 21, for a Site Plan application for a wireless facility at the utility pole at 30 Buffalo.
- Set a Public Hearing, September 21, for a Site Plan application for a wireless facility at the utility pole at 340 Prospect.
- Set a Public Hearing, September 21, for a Site Plan application for a wireless facility at the utility pole at 114 North Willow.
- Set a Public Hearing, September 21, for a Special Use Permit for 206 Main Street, Dylan Smith and Paige Lingenfelter, tenants of West End Social, for a restaurant with indoor and outdoor dining with no change to the current parking allotment.
- Set a Public Hearing, September 21, for a Site Plan application for 206 Main Street, Ryan Kanowski, to modify the facade that includes the installation of a 10'x12' roll-up door, a double door, and to extend the wall and roof for the enlargement of the interior stairway.
- Set Public Hearing September 21, for Keeping Other than Household Pets Permit-6 Hens, 281 Olean, Virginia Coleman & Ryan Aures.
- **MODIFY 2026/2027 BUDGET** August 13, 2026
Trustee Bojanowski, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:
BE IT RESOLVED, the Clerk – Treasurer is hereby authorized to modify the 2026/2027 Budget in the following manner:
Revenue – Appropriated Fund Balance- \$ 10,000 Expenditures – Police and Fire Dispatch - equipment 5-3420.0200 - \$10,000
2025 Dispatch Technology Funding from Lorigo
The following resolution was seconded by Trustee Kamp and duly put to a roll call vote which resulted in the following:
Trustee Lazickas- Aye
Trustee Cameron- Aye
Trustee Bojanowski- Aye
Trustee Kamp- Aye
Deputy Mayor Root- Aye
- Permission for the mayor or his designee to sign a repair and a 5-year maintenance contract with Otis.
- Permission for the mayor or his designee to sign a 3 Year agreement with Sansio for Health EMS Manager
The foregoing motions and resolutions were seconded by Trustee Lazickas and duly put to a roll call vote which resulted in the following:
Trustee Lazickas- Aye
Trustee Cameron- Aye
Trustee Bojanowski- Aye
Trustee Kamp- Aye
Deputy Mayor Root- Aye

OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **MOTION TO APPOINT LOGAN M. FILIPIAK AS POLICE OFFICER**
Motion by Deputy Mayor Root, to appoint Logan M. Filipiak, to the position of Police Officer, for the Village of East Aurora, effective August 31, 2026, at step 2. The appointment is provisional pursuant to the of the Rules for the Classified Civil Service for Erie County and the Collective Bargaining Agreement in effect as of the date of hire, and put on a roll call:
Trustee Lazickas - Aye
Trustee Cameron - Aye
Trustee Bojanowski - Aye
Trustee Kamp - Aye
Deputy Mayor Root – Aye
 - Police Chief Welch spoke about Logan.
- Motion by Deputy Mayor Root to Appoint Kathleen Foster provisionally to the position of Police Detective effective September 5, 2026, and put on a roll call:
Trustee Lazickas - Aye
Trustee Cameron - Aye
Trustee Bojanowski - Aye
Trustee Kamp - Aye
Deputy Mayor Root – Aye
 - Police Chief Welch spoke about Kathleen's provisional appointment
- Deputy Mayor Root would like to hold off on permitting the mayor to sign a permit with Erie County DPW to install an all-way stop at the corner of Pine and Girard Ave as the Village Board members are still doing research. Trustee Kamp relayed his discussion and concerns with the DOT. He asked for an estimate from Barton Loguidice to analyze the missing pieces from the study done by the county. Trustee Lazickas asked about setting a work session for this once Mayor Wochensky is back.
- Deputy Mayor Root wanted more time and have the entire board to consider the Parks and Open Space bylaws. Trustee Lazickas wants to discuss this at a work session. Village Attorney Rautenstrauch said to hold off on making any appointments until the Bylaws are approved.
- A motion by Trustee Kamp to set a Public Hearing, September 21, for a Site Plan Application for 63 South Grove, David Surpinski, for deck reconstruction for the Addition, seconded by Trustee Lazickas and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider adding 3 additional Permitted Food Trucks to the Temporary Use Permit for The Roycroft Campus Corp, Samantha Lehsten, Fall Festival October 3rd - 4th, 10 am- 5 pm
 - No one objected to this addition
- Historic district designation of Village property feedback
 - The Village Board discussed if this would affect the Village-owned police station on Main Street. Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy said that it would only affect if grant money was taken. The Village Board asked if that was for all grants or just historic restoration grants; Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy said that she would look into that. Police Chief Welch wants to hear the Engineering report in regard to the cost for the police station upgrades.

SPEAKERS & COMMUNICATIONS

- Karen Allen- 795 Martin Dr- She read the letter from Lyn Chimera, 170 Pine Street. She believes that the number of deer has increased significantly since last year, and she thought that people may be feeding them. Trustee Lazickas spoke about the Village Board looking into this situation and agreed that

it is an issue. Police Chief Welch reviewed the Town of Aurora's plans for extra dog tags. Trustee Kamp reviewed his meeting with the Town of Aurora and the DEC. He said that the Village is still looking into options and will have a survey posted in the paper for the residents to give their options.

Department Head and Trustee Reports

Deputy Mayor Root introduced Jessica Tufte as the new Village Administrator

Code Enforcement- She is catching up from being on vacation. The third permit for the Girard Street subdivision has been submitted and is under review. They have been dealing with Pine Street issues through email. She said that 260 Quaker Road has submitted a zoning variance request for multiple codes that can't meet regulations.

Police Chief- He said that National Night Out was great. Some officers have been finishing up grants for police traffic services and child safety seat technicians. A new traffic monitoring device has been ordered, due to damage to the other one that happened last fall. The Police Department had its first arrest for being intoxicated on an e-bike. He said that he has been meeting with Donna at the senior center to see what their concerns are. The new police clerk, Karin has been coming along great. Legislator Lindsey Lorigo is scheduled to come out to discuss the money that she has allotted to the police department. He has a message from General Foreman Stoll: the message boards have been secured from Erie County Emergency Services; they will be up on the 24th and the new stop signs are going to be uncovered on the 31st.

Trustee Bojanowski- He said that National Night Out was very fun. He said that there is an email for thoughts and concerns about the deer that will be posted on the village website.

Trustee Kamp- He said that the pedestrian bike board would like to have a conversation about trick-or-treating in the Village and potentially closing roads during that time.

Trustee Cameron- She asked Clerk-Treasurer Jerackas about the garbage calendar ending in September. Clerk-Treasurer Jerackas said she is working with Waste Management to get the new schedule and is hoping to have it out to residents by mid-September.

Trustee Lazickas- none

Deputy Mayor Root- She wanted to remind everyone that the cardboard and compost drop off at the DPW from 10am to 2pm every Saturday. She attended the 75th anniversary at Moog and said that it was wonderful.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Kamp to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm, seconded by Trustee Bojanowski and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Jerackas
Clerk-Treasurer