

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
January 20, 2026

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 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:	Luke Wochensky	Councilmember
	Joseph McCann	Councilmember
	Raymond M. Wrazen	Councilmember
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Jessica Armbrust	Councilmember
Others present:	Meaghan Tent	Recreation Dept.

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

1) Presentation of plans for new courtroom at 571 Main Street:

Paul Ernst from FFAE presented the plans for the new courtroom above the police station. The current courtroom is outdated and unsafe. Updates will include more security, including security doors at all access points that will be locked during business hours and guarded during court. There will be two conference rooms for meetings with lawyers or the DA. The bench itself will be moved from its current position to the opposite side of the room, closer to the judge's chambers. An ADA compliant lift will be installed to get up the 3 steps to the bench if needed.

Councilmember Wochensky asked about electrical for screens in the waiting room to show people when they are due in the courtroom, no such plans for that at this time. Councilmember McCann asked about people paying fines during the day, there will be a window they can pay them at, much like the current set up. Mr. Ernst's proposal for his work, and working with someone to do the millwork, construction documents and monitoring during construction came in at around \$48,000. CM Wochensky asked about the cost of the whole project, Supervisor Snyder believes its around \$400,000 and includes some asbestos removal from the adhesive used for the original carpets. Timeline will be clearer once all numbers are firmed up.

2) EA Bike Bus using Town Hall lot for two evening events:

Mike Robinson spoke to the board regarding the Village Play Bike Bus using the parking lot of Town Hall for their two evening events that occur during the school year, one in the fall and one in the spring/summer. They have used it once before with EAFD providing some blocking and an escort down to Parkdale. The next event is Tuesday, June 23rd, and they are looking for more formal approval to use the lot. CM Wochensky suggested getting the Highway Department involved for use of blockades. Supervisor Snyder asked if all participants arrive by bike, or if some come by car w/bikes. It was noted some do come by car, but they are instructed to find street parking. Meaghan Tent brought up some safety concerns, as well as debris left behind (sidewalk chalk) and Mr. Robinson stated they are looking into ways to improve safety, starting with getting formal approval and the start of a non-profit to get a certificate of insurance.

In conclusion, Supervisor Snyder, CM Wochensky, or both, will have a meeting with the Highway Department about the event, and a formal writing of a policy regarding the use of the lot being written up, similar to the use of parks, was discussed.

3) Fireworks Funding:

Meaghan Tent asked the board if there would be anything done differently this year regarding the collection of funds and donations for the July 3rd fireworks display. Right now, there is \$3,000 in the firework fund, and it is believed a total of over \$18,000 is needed for the entire July 3rd celebration. Supervisor Snyder suggested a private group taking over the collection of money and donating to the town in one lump-sum. The village and the county were also brought up as possible donors, and Meaghan pointed out that the county donates the use of the bandstand. Meaghan also brought up that one donor now donates all the money needed to pay the bands in the parade, so a line of succession for that is also needed. It was agreed that reaching out to the Chamber of Commerce first regarding handling the collecting of donations would be the next step.

4) Presentations during July 3rd concert intermission

Councilmember Wrazen brought up a concern about the EA Softball Hall of Fame doing their presentations during the intermission of the July 3rd concert, since they have no physical or virtual location. This may bring up other organizations wanting to do presentations at the same time, leading to a lengthy intermission. CM Wrazen's recommendation was to limit the speakers to the Supervisor and the Mayor, and have any honors or announcements done at the organizational level.

5) Additional items

Supervisor Snyder discussed with Town Clerk Jeanne Viger regarding the Rezoning Moratorium running out on 2/8 and the next steps needed to extend that. He also brought up Next Air Energy, offering discounts of 5-10%. It was agreed they could be referred to the Climate Smart Community Task Force.

Lastly, the former Town Clerk Martha Libroch has come back in an advisory role in the Town Clerk's office and has requested to be paid bi-weekly. Everyone agreed that it was acceptable if she submits an invoice.

Supervisor Snyder concluded the meeting at 7:36pm.

Stephanie L. Meyer, Deputy Town Clerk