

Town of Aurora | Town Board Meeting | April 27, 2026

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, April 27, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM. The Board met in-person at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, New York. The meeting was live streamed via YouTube.

Present:	Joseph McCann Raymond M. Wrazen Jessica Armbrust Charles D. Snyder	Councilmember Councilmember Councilmember Supervisor
Excused:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
Others Present:	Rich Miga Paul Ernst Douglas Crow Patrick Welch Chris Musshafen Luke Wochensky David Gunner Benjamin Garvey	Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Zoning Board Chairman Planning Board Chairman Chief of Police Recreation Director Village Mayor Highway Superintendent Newly Appointed Councilmember (Effective 5/9)

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

Before moving into public hearings, Supervisor Snyder reminded those in attendance to use the microphone when addressing the Board so comments could be properly recorded. He also noted that, as the Town continues working toward American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, anyone, including representatives of the town and village, should use official titles when referring to Town officials and staff.

The first item on the agenda was a public hearing that Supervisor Snyder opened at 6:31 PM about Local Law Intro 8-2026: Dog Control. After asking for questions or feedback and hearing no one, the hearing was closed at 6:32 PM.

Supervisor Snyder opened the second hearing at 6:32 on the topic of the Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit for 612 Buffalo Road. Hearing no one, he closed the hearing at 6:33.

Councilmember McCann moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the April 13, 2026 Town Board meeting, April 21, 2026 Work Session minutes and the April 27, 2026 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers 403 through 470, and P-Card voucher 471 to be paid from the following funds:

Action #149
4/13 TB min &
4/31/26 Work
Session, & 4/27/26
abstract approved

General Fund	\$	64,077.59
Part Town Fund	\$	2,160.68
Highway Part Town Fund	\$	32,137.60
Town Court Renovations	\$	27,125.00
Special Districts	\$	394,596.81
Trust & Agency	\$	364.46
Water	\$	729.43
Grand Total Abstract	\$	521,191.57

Councilmember Armbrust seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE I:

Evan Roden, Town resident, addressed the Board regarding the appointment of a new Town Board member. He expressed concern about the process, stating that there did not appear to be a public hearing, public comment period, or opportunity for residents to apply for the appointment. He also raised concerns about public accountability and the relationship between the appointment and the future election process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilmember Wrazen moved to approve the updated Social Media policy removing Deputy Supervisor Wochensky as a social media administrator; Councilmember Armbrust seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #150
Social Media Policy
update approved

Supervisor Snyder noted appreciation for the input received and acknowledged that the policy may continue to evolve over time.

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Councilmember McCann moved to re-appoint Robert Puntillo to the Assessment Review Board (BAR) with a term end date of September 30, 2031. Councilmember Armbrust seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #151
R. Puntillo re-
appointed to BAR;
term end 9/30/31

It was noted that Mr. Puntillo has served on the Board of Assessment Review for some time and is well regarded by the other members.

Councilmember Armbrust moved to accept Kerrie Gallo's resignation from the Open Space Committee effective immediately; Councilmember McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #152
K. Gallo resignation
for Open Space
Committee
accepted

The Board thanked Ms. Gallo for her service and noted that an advertisement would be placed to seek candidates for the vacancy.

A motion was made by Councilmember McCann to appoint Ben Garvey to fill the Town Board vacancy created when Luke Wochensky became Mayor of the Village of East Aurora. The appointment will take effect May 9, 2026, at a biweekly salary of \$576.92. The term will end December 31, 2026. Councilmember Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #153
B. Garvey
appointed Town
Board; term ends
12/31/26

Supervisor Snyder thanked Mr. Garvey for his willingness to serve and acknowledged his prior work on the Planning Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Armbrust moved to approve adding an Executive Session for a discussion about an ongoing personnel matter in which no action will be taken; seconded by Councilmember Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #154
Adding Executive
Session approved

Councilmember McCann moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with MuniPay which will enable residents to pay their tax bills online. Councilmember Wrazen seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #155 Sup
authorized to sign
MuniPay
agreement

Town Clerk Viger explained that MuniPay will allow residents to pay taxes online. There is no cost to the Town or taxpayers to implement the service. Taxpayers who use the service will pay a \$1.50 electronic check fee or a 2.65% credit card processing fee. Supervisor Snyder noted that other towns using the program provided positive feedback.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wrazen and seconded by Councilmember McCann to approve the list of seasonal pool and recreation staff at the hourly rates listed, a handful of which are non-residents, with a start date of May 19, 2026 and an hourly pay rate of \$16. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #156
Recreation
seasonal emps
approved w/ start
date of 5/9/26

Councilmember McCann shared that it is a positive reflection on the Town's recreation program that there are non-residents interested in traveling to the town to work here.

Councilmember McCann moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Verizon temporary mobile site agreement for Knox Park for the July 2026 soccer tournament and the September 2026 Borderland Festival. The agreement will provide improved cellular service during large events and comes at no cost to the Town. The Town attorney reviewed the agreement. Councilmember Armbrust seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #157
Sup authorized to
sign Verizon mobile
site agreement for
July soccer
tournament
Borderland

A motion was made by Councilmember Armbrust and seconded by Councilmember Wrazen to approve a temporary use permit (TUP) for East Aurora Baseball and Softball to hold Day of Play event on May 16, 2026. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #158 TUP for
EA Baseball event
on 5/16/26
approved

Councilmember Wrazen moved to accept a \$200 donation from the Western Zone Retired Teachers Association; seconded by Councilmember McCann. The funds will be deposited into line TA1000.090 and used toward the purchase of new planter boxes for the Senior Center. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #159
Sr. Center \$200
donation
accepted for
planters

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A motion was made by Councilmember McCann and seconded by Councilmember Armbrust to refer the site plan review (SPR) for a proposed solar array at 1627 Bailey Road to the Planning Board. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #160
SPR for solar array
at 1627 Bailey
referred to
Planning Board

A motion was made by Councilmember Armbrust and seconded by Councilmember Wrazen to approve a civil service title change for Dorothy Bailey from Clerk Part-Time to Clerk Part-Time Seasonal, effective May 4, 2026 through September 18, 2026. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #161
D. Bailey title
change approved

Councilmember Wrazen moved to approve 10-hour, 4-day work weeks for Highway Department employees from May 4, 2026 through September 3, 2026; seconded by Councilmember McCann. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #162
10hr, 4-day work
week for highway
approved

A motion was made by Councilmember McCann and seconded by Councilmember Armbrust to approve the purchase of a 2026 Kenworth Tri-Axle dump truck from Kenworth Northeast Group in the amount of \$242,000. The Town will trade in its current 2019 Tri-Axle dump truck for \$115,000, leaving a balance of \$127,000. The balance will be paid from line DB5130.217 of the 2026 budget, which has a current balance of \$340,000. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #163
Purchase of 2026
Kenworth Dump
Truck approved

A motion was made by Councilmember Armbrust and seconded by Councilmember Wrazen to approve the purchase of a 2026 Mack Granite cab and chassis from Conway Beam Truck Group in the amount of \$163,823.20. The purchase will be paid from line DB5130.217 of the 2026 budget, which has a current balance of \$340,000. The snowplow body will be installed at a later date. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #164
Purchase of 2026
Mack Granite cab
& chassis
approved

Councilmember Armbrust thanked Highway Superintendent Gunner for his planning and problem solving during ongoing supply chain challenges. Superintendent Gunner appreciated the recognition and opportunity to discuss these challenges with the board.

A motion was made by Councilmember McCann and seconded by Councilmember Armbrust to approve the purchase of a snowplow package from Viking Cives in the amount of \$46,346, contingent upon funding being adopted in the 2028 budget. The package includes the front plow blade, wing blade, dump body, and salt spreader. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #165
Purchase of
snowplow
package
approved

A motion was made by Councilmember Wrazen and seconded by Councilmember McCann to approve the surplus of the 2019 Kenworth T800 tri-axle dump truck, inventory number 1599. The truck will be traded in toward the purchase of the new 2026 Kenworth T880, with a trade value of \$115,000. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #166
Surplus of item
1599, Kenworth
2019 dump truck
approved

The Board discussed the value of long-term equipment planning including the mention of Councilmember McCann's meeting with another town highway superintendent dealing with aged equipment. Superintendent Gunner noted that the Highway Department's 10-year equipment plan extends to 2034 and credited the Board's forward planning.

A resolution regarding the Code Review Committee was introduced by Supervisor Snyder. The resolution outlined the history, current structure, duties, and anticipated meeting schedule of the committee as the Town works through comprehensive plan-related code updates. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of adding two at-large members to the committee. Councilmember McCann made a motion to table the resolution so it could be revised and further reviewed; seconded by Councilmember Armbrust. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #167
Code Review
Committee
establishment
tabled

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

- A. Building Permits Report – Mar '26
- B. Police Department Report – Mar '26

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BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Deputy Supervisor McCann reported that he has begun weekly meetings with Supervisor Snyder in his role as Deputy Supervisor and appreciates the opportunity to better understand the work occurring in the Supervisor's office. He also reported that, following the Elma water emergency, the Town is reviewing its emergency notification system. New disaster coordinator Dan Dytchkowskyj will help determine whether the current system can be improved or whether a new product should be considered. The Town will work with the Village on the effort.

Councilmember Armbrust reported that the Sewer District meeting was held on April 14, which she and Councilmember Wrazen attended. The district formally approved filter replacements previously approved by email poll. The new system will replace sand with a washable/replaceable filter system and is expected to be more modern and efficient. Councilmember Armbrust also reported that she received a positive report that the system handled the recent excess water event without issue.

Councilmember Armbrust stated that she will attend New York Associate of Towns Personnel training and lobbying day in Albany early May. As one of the library board liaisons, she will be arranging a separate meeting with a Library Board member because the Library Board's regular meeting schedule conflicts with Town Board meetings.

Councilmembers Wrazen shared that the Open Space Committee and Climate Smart Task Force met to discuss the Natural Resource Inventory. Significant work has been done to gather information, maps, and formatting, but the next phase may require additional expertise. A joint subcommittee may be formed to determine next steps. The committees also discussed updating signage at Majors Park South, including the possible use of QR codes to reduce sign clutter while still providing detailed visitor information.

Supervisor Snyder reported that the annual July 3 fireworks meeting was held. Special plans are being considered for the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. He also met with representatives from the Department of State and Empire State Development regarding New York Forward Grant work planned in West Falls, including the playground, library, and Veterans Park. Additionally, he participated in the Arbor Day celebration with Mayor Wochensky and noted that it was well attended.

Councilmember Wrazen shared that Open Space Committee work on the Natural Resource Inventory was also discussed as part of Climate Smart Communities efforts.

Supervisor Snyder noted upcoming ADA compliance requirements for the Town website and meeting communications, including reducing unexplained acronyms and more clearly identifying speakers and department heads during meetings.

AUDIENCE II:

Luke Wochensky, Village resident and Mayor, addressed the Board and congratulated Councilmember Garvey on his appointment. Mayor Wochensky proposed formal quarterly or biannual meetings between Town and Village representatives to discuss shared issues. He also proposed greater collaboration between the Town and Village on Climate Smart Community efforts, including a joint website, shared initiatives, and participation by the Village Bike and Pedestrian Board in the Town's Scoot Around June initiative. Mayor Wochensky also suggested a Village versus Town cornhole event at Firemen's Field in June as an informal opportunity for officials to meet and build relationships.

STAFF REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent David Gunner reported that baseball season has begun and that the foundation for the shed being delivered to the baseball leagues has been completed. He noted that the wet spring and early April storm caused damage, but cleanup is mostly complete. He also discussed concerns about rising fuel and asphalt costs, which may affect road work planning. He stated that planned road work has not yet been changed, but costs are being reviewed. Superintendent Gunner thanked the Board for helping the Highway Department stay on track with its 10-year equipment plan.

Police Chief Pat Welch reported that he is working with the new deputy emergency manager Dan Dytchkowskyj on the Town's emergency management structure and incident command process. He also reported that planning continues for the July 3 events and the Heart of Music event in early June. A speed monitoring device has been placed on Snyder Road and will collect data for at least 10 days. Chief Welch also reported that officers are participating in Governor's Traffic Safety Council grants focused on cell phone violations, seat belts, and speeding. Coffee with a Cop will be held Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at McDonald's. Safety Pup is expected to attend.

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Recreation Director Chris Musshafen stated that non-resident registration opened April 27, following two weeks of resident registration. Programs are filling quickly, including day camp and swim lessons. Private swim lessons are also being offered. Staff training is scheduled for late May.

Planning Board Chairman Doug Crow stated that he looks forward to the ad hoc Code Review Committee being formalized. He also suggested advertising for Planning Board applicants while advertising for the Open Space Committee vacancy, as at least one Planning Board opening is expected and possibly two.

Councilmember McCann made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:15 PM and it was seconded by Councilmember Armbrust. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #168
Enter Exec
Session

At 7:56 PM, Councilmember Armbrust moved to exit Executive Session and return to the general session; seconded by Councilmember Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #169
Exit Exec
Session

Councilmember McCann moved to adjourn at 7:57 PM and was seconded by Councilmember Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #170
Meeting
adjourned

Jeanne H. Viger
Town Clerk