

Town of Aurora | Town Board Meeting | September 14, 2026

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, September 14, 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:	Benjamin Garvey	Councilmember
	Joseph McCann	Councilmember
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
	Jessica Armbrust	Councilmember
	Raymond Wrazen	Councilmember
Others Present:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
	Rich Miga	Assistant Code Enforcement Officer
	Douglas Crow	Planning Board Chair
	Paul Ernst	Zoning Board Chair
	Rodney Simeone	Zoning Board Member

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

Supv. Snyder took a moment to review the process for referring to Town officials and staff with their title versus their first name so that anyone attending or accessing the YouTube stream understands who is being addressed.

The first item on the agenda was a Public Hearing for Local Law Intro 9-2026 - Town Clerk Webmaster Stipend which was rescheduled to September 28, 2026 to allow for proper notification. Councilmember McCann moved to approve rescheduling the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Garvey. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #310
Public Hearing
on Local Law
Intro 9-2026
reschedule
approved

Councilmember McCann moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of August 18, 2026 Work Session; August 24, 2026 Town Board & August 31, 2026 Special Town Board meeting minutes and the September 14, 2026 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers 1040 through 1123 to be paid from the following funds:

Action #311
8/18/26 Work
Session, 8/24/26
Town Board and
8/31/26 Special
Town Board
minutes &
9/14/26 abstract
approved

General Fund	\$	89,037.98
Part Town Fund	\$	502.00
Highway Part Town Fund	\$	39,890.64
Town Court Renovations	\$	1,500.00
Village Bridge Repairs	\$	42,092.88
Special Districts	\$	5,642.20
Trust & Agency	\$	280.69
Grand Total Abstract		\$ 178,946.39

Councilmember Garvey seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilmember Garvey moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a Shared Municipal Services Agreement for Dog Control Services with the Town of Colden, whereby the Town of Aurora Dog Control will provide services for pickup of dogs found at large in the Town of Colden, effective January 1, 2027. The Town of Colden shall compensate the Town of Aurora 15,000.00 a year for these services. Councilmember McCann seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #312
Supv. auth to
sign dog control
shared municipal
services
agreement with
Colden

Councilmember Armbrust moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a Shared Municipal Services Agreement for Dog Control Services with the Town of Holland, whereby the Town of Aurora Dog Control will provide services for pickup of dogs found at large in the Town of Holland, effective January 1, 2027. The Town of Holland shall compensate the Town of Aurora 15,000.00 a year for these services. Councilmember Wrazen seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #313
Supv. auth to
sign dog control
shared municipal
services
agreement with
Holland

Councilmember McCann moved to set September 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Aurora Municipal Center. 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY 14502 as the date, time and place for a public hearing on a Special Use Permit (SUP) application to open a dog grooming business with no boarding or daycare in the existing building/space at 558 Buffalo Road, East Aurora, NY. Councilmember Garvey seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #314
Public Hearing
set 9/28/26 for
558 Buffalo Rd
SUP

Councilmember Wrazen moved to adopt the following resolution; seconded by Councilmember Armbrust:

SEQR RESOLUTION
2100 Lewis Road (SBL# 200.00-3-13.132)

Action #315
SEQR negative
declaration for

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Aurora declares itself lead agency with

regard to SEQR for an expansion of the existing ground mounted solar array and system at 2100 Lewis Road; and further

2100 Lewis Rd
SUP adopted

RESOLVED that after considering the action stated herein, reviewing the criteria contained in Section 617.11 of the Rules and Regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the Code Enforcement Officer determines that the actions are Unlisted actions; and further

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Aurora has determined that these Unlisted actions will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared; and further

RESOLVED that a negative declaration is issued with regard to the Special Use Permit (SUP)for an expansion of the existing ground mounted solar array and system at 2100 Lewis Road, South Wales, NY.

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Garvey moved to adopt the following resolution; seconded by Councilmember McCann:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL USE PERMIT
2100 Lewis Road (SBL# 200.00-3-13.132)**

Action #316
Solar array
expansion SUP
2100 Lewis Rd
SUP adopted

WHEREAS, Robert Fontaine/GreenSpark Solar has applied for a Special Use Permit for an expansion of the existing ground mounted solar array and system at 2100 Lewis Road, South Wales, NY; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Aurora referred the Special Use Permit application to the Town of Aurora Planning Board for their review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2026, the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Town Board approve the Special Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, as an unlisted action under SEQR the Town Board found that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Town Code §95-2B(2) of the Town of Aurora, the Town Board of the Town of Aurora does hereby grant the attached Special Use Permit, including conditions, to Robert Fontaine/GreenSpark Solar has applied for a Special Use Permit for an expansion of the existing ground mounted solar array and system at 2100 Lewis Road, South Wales, NY.

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Armbrust moved to approve these payments for professional services rendered from August 1, 2026 through August 28, 2026 to Azar Design Co. (formerly Foit Albert) with funds being disbursed from H7 5120.210.

Pymt #	Amount	Project
15	\$ 3,046.70	Brooklea Dr bridge
16	\$ 9,798.24	Shearer Ave culvert
18	\$29,247.94	Cornwall Rd culvert

Action #317
Payment nos. 15
for Brooklea Dr,
16 for Shearer
Ave & 18 for
Cornwall Rd
projects
approved

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember McCann moved to set September 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave., E. Aurora, as the date, time and place for a public hearing on proposed Local Law (Intro 10-2026) of the Town of Aurora for the year 2027, to provide the Town Board with the authority to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 30c. Councilmember Garvey seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #318
Public Hearing
set 9/28/26 for
Local Law Intro
10-2026 Tax Cap
Override

Councilmember Wrazen moved to forward the Town Code Chapters 95 & 116 Updates to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s). Councilmember Armbrust seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #319
Town Code
Update to
Chapters 95 &
116 referred to
Planning Board

Councilmember Garvey moved to add the following Orchard Park delinquent water bills for Town of Aurora customers to the 2026 Erie County Tax rolls, in accordance with Town Law Article 12 Section 198, for non-payment; seconded by Councilmember McCann:

Water Customer	Service Address	Amount
Fasolino & McLean	1321 Jewett Holmwood Rd	\$ 98.94
Adimey, Sharon	1319 Jewett Holmwood Rd	\$ 70.21

Action #320
Orchard Park
delinquent water
to be added to
2027 tax roll

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Glass, Edwin	4727 Transit Rd	\$111.82
Mills, David	4649 Transit Rd	\$121.88
Price, Jeffrey & Brittany	not provided	\$152.87

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Armbrust moved to adopt the following resolution; seconded by Councilmember Wrazen:

WHEREAS, the town of Aurora Justice Court desires to submit a grant application to the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) for funding to scan, digitize or shred records.

Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of the Town of Aurora authorizes the Aurora Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2026-2027 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five; noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Garvey moved to authorize the Supv. to sign a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NSYDEC) Registration Form for a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event hosted by the Town of Aurora and GreenSheen Paint on October 24, 2026 from 9 AM to 1 PM at 141 Girard Avenue. Councilmember McCann seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Wrazen moved to set October 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Ave., E. Aurora, as the date, time and place for a public hearing regarding the use of 2027 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the Town of Aurora. Councilmember Armbrust seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember McCann moved to declare a Brother 210 series printer (Town inventory number 2173) as surplus inventory to be recycled during the Town's electronic recycling event. Councilmember Garvey seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Armbrust moved to approve hiring Brian Swartz, a non-resident, as a part-time court officer at an hourly rate of \$33.85. Orientation planned for on or after September 16, 2026 will be considered first day worked. Councilmember Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Garvey moved to approve a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) to SPCA Serving Erie County, 300 Harlem Rd, West Seneca, NY 14224 to host a fundraising event at Knox Farm State Park (KFSP) utilizing the soccer fields parking lot on September 26, 2026 from 8 AM to 2 PM. Councilmember McCann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Wrazen moved to approve a TUP to Campus Cycling Collective/Adam Zawadski of Maple Rd, East Aurora, NY 14052 to host a bicycle race at KFSP utilizing the soccer fields lot for parking on October 11, 2026 from 8 AM to 5 PM. Councilmember Armbrust seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember McCann moved to approve East Aurora Swim Team (EAST) coach hires as Lifeguard RPTs, two indicated are non-residents. Orientation will be considered the first day worked. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

Name	Address	Pay Rate
Katie Chugh	Main St, East Aurora	\$20.50
Devin Lockard*	Milestrip Rd, Orchard Park	\$20.50
Ivan Nietopski*	Indian Church Rd, West Seneca	\$21.00

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Armbrust moved to approve Water Safety Instructor wage rates at \$19/hour beginning September 14, 2026 for Tessa Fowler, Taylor Keohane, Katie Phillips, Olivia Strzelec and Owen Walker. Rates will be applied only while the employee is instructing swimming. Councilmember Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Wrazen moved to approve the following budget transfer to correct overdrawn Recreation budget appropriation line:

- From: A7140.413 Day Camp Bus Rental \$2556.00
- To: A7140.113 Day Camp Payroll \$2556.00

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

Councilmember Garvey moved to approve the following budget amendments:

Increase Line	Description	Current Budget	Current Balance	Increase By
A2056	Edu Vendor Revenue	\$30,000.00	\$47,138.00	\$17,138.00
A7185.400	You Educational Vendor	\$25,500.00	(\$1,717.75)	\$17,138.00

Action #321
JCAP grant
resolution
adopted

Action #322
Supv. authorized
to sign NYSDEC
HHW Event form
for 10/24/26
event

Action #323
Public Hearing
set 10/13/26 for
CDBG funding

Action #324
Brother printer
declared surplus

Action #325
Hire non-resident
B. Swartz Court
Officer
approved

Action #326
TUP for SPCA
event at KFSP
approved

Action #327
TUP for Campus
Cycling
Collective event
at KFSP
approved

Action#328
EAST Lifeguard
RPT hires
approved

Action #329
Water Safety
Instructor wage
rates approved

Action #330
Recreation
budget transfer
approved

Action #331
Recreation
budget
amendments
approved

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A2025	Community Pool Rev.	\$48,000.00	\$54,219.50	\$6,219.50
A7180.0426	Pool Maintenance	\$24,000.00	\$3,869.69	\$6,219.50

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

Councilmember Armbrust moved to approve sending a TE-9 traffic safety study request to Erie County Department of Transportation based on a resident request for Reading Road. Councilmember Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes - five, noes - none. Motion carried.

Action #332
TE-9 Traffic Study
approved for
Reading Rd

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

- A. Town Clerk – Aug '26 Report

B. Town Clerk – Aug '26 Water Report

C. Dog Control – Aug '26 Report

D. Senior Center – Aug '26 Report
- E. Highway Work Orders – Aug '26 Report

F. Parks Work Orders – Aug '26 Report

G. Building Dept – Aug '26 Report

H. Erie County Agricultural District Enrollment

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilmember McCann stated how much he appreciated the Village compost drop-off program, noting how easy and efficient it was to use. He said the Town's deer management Frequently Asked Questions document has been reviewed and will be posted on the website and social media, with continued public feedback encouraged. He also reported on a meeting with Rick Richert, a local Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator, regarding the deer management programs he lead in Clarence and West Seneca, noting that West Seneca's program provided approximately 38,000 meals to FeedMore WNY in its first 15 months. Councilmember McCann also discussed evaluating a new emergency notification system to replace CodeRED, whose contract expires in December.

Councilmember Garvey reported on the August 27 Repair Café, which drew 55 participants and achieved a 75% repair success rate. The event diverted 322 pounds from landfills, saved an estimated \$4,270 in replacement costs, and offset approximately 1,891 pounds of carbon. He also highlighted the educational aspect of the event, with volunteers teaching participants how to make repairs themselves.

Councilmember Armbrust also commented positively on the meeting with Rick Richert and the value of communities sharing information about deer management. She praised the compost program and noted that compostable liners can be used in collection bins to help control odors and make participation easier.

Councilmember Wrazen reported continued growth in the composting program, noting that nearly all available bins at the Village Department of Public Works were full during the most recent collection. He said the Town will review participation with and tonnage with Erie County program partners after approximately two months and consider future locations and possible winter access. He noted that the industrial composting facility that supports our compost program accepts materials such as bones and bread that are difficult to compost at home. Councilmember Wrazen also shared information from a Northeast Southtowns Solid Waste Management (NEST) meeting, including that an estimated 35% to 45% of household garbage is compostable. He discussed concerns about declining landfill capacity in New York and the potential for higher disposal costs, reinforcing the value of diverting organic waste. He also noted the growing need for safe disposal options for rechargeable and other batteries as battery-powered household equipment becomes more common.

Supv. Snyder had no report.

AUDIENCE II: (Occurred during AUDIENCE I, out of courtesy to speaker vs. waiting until this portion of the meeting)

Jane McKale, Town resident, spoke in opposition to the deer bait-and-shoot program. She expressed concern about killing deer and asked the Town to consider alternative population-control methods before moving forward with lethal measures. She specifically suggested exploring deer contraception and possible fundraising options to help cover the cost of a nonlethal approach.

STAFF REPORTS:

Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Richard Miga, Planning Board Chair Doug Crow & Zoning Board Chair Paul Ernst had nothing to report.

Zoning Board Member Rod Simeone raised two zoning-related issues. First, he said the Code Committee anticipated receiving requests for front-yard sheds related to the new Waste Management bin program and had already received one such request. He suggested addressing the issue during the upcoming code review. Second, he reported a zoning matter involving a property governed by a homeowner's association where those requirements may conflict with Town Code, noting that legal guidance will likely be needed.

Councilmember McCann moved to adjourn at 7:07 PM, seconded by Councilmember Garvey. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #333
Meeting
adjourned

Jeanne H. Viger
Town Clerk