

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Wednesday, February 17, 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.

Present:	Luke Wochensky Jessica Armbrust Raymond M. Wrazen Joseph McCann Charles D. Snyder	Councilmember via phone Councilmember Councilmember Councilmember Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
Others Present:	Tim Stroth Steve Pigeon Dan Dytchkowskyj	Planning Board Member Town Assessor Disaster/Hazardous Materials Coordinator

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

1) Dan Dytchkowskyj – Disaster/HAZMAT Coordinator Introduction:

Mr. Dytchkowskyj introduced himself to the board and reviewed his supporting credentials that include working for the Office of Emergency Management Services, a division of Emergency Management and Homeland Services within the Department of Homeland Security. He also shared his plans as the newly appointed Disaster/Hazardous Materials Assistant Coordinator. As delegated, he will focus his energies on updating the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan with participation from the board to meet his year-end completion goal. Part of this process will look at the roles and responsibilities between town and the village and establish a Memorandum of Understanding. While he is gathering data now, direct work will begin after the mayoral race. The Town's Continuation of Operation Plan, which is activated if town government cannot function for any reason from any of its current locations, also requires review and updating; Mr. Dytchkowskyj will begin that work departmentally prior to the end of 2026.

2) Town Assessor Steve Pigeon Regarding Article 7 Petitions:

Mr. Pigeon brought the current list of 21 in-progress Article 7 Petition cases and offered to review the them with the board. It was agreed that cases that are not ready for public review remain tabled. Councilmember Wochensky brought up a clarifying point about who has the authority to sign a settlement agreement on behalf of the town especially for cases that involve a legal proceeding in court or that impact a qualifying expenditure. Consultation with the Town Attorney and/or New York Association of Towns was suggested. The board agreed to get confirmation of the process and Supervisor Snyder will follow up with the town attorney.

3) Zoning Board Appointment:

Supervisor Snyder stated that he, Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Chairman Ernst and Councilmember McCann conducted interviews of ZBA member applicants Peter Zittel and David Murray to fill the vacant seat. While both candidates bring good qualifications to the table, David Murray was selected to fill the seat. There was some consideration to look at the alternate members for this vacancy however the process to switch between alternate and full time term appointees was a detracting factor. Supervisor Snyder will add this to the February 23, 2026 Town Board Meeting agenda for the board to formally approve the appointment.

4) Social Media Amendments:

After review of several changes that are itemized below, the board agreed to add the newly revised Social Media Policy to the March 9, 2026 town board meeting agenda for board approval.

Updates:

1. 4.0 Social Media Page Administration
 - a. 4.1 – change from “shall appoint two or three social media administrators” to “shall appoint two or more...”

- b. 4.5 – “The Supervisor and 1 Councilmember (or 2 Councilmembers, or the Town Attorney)” was changed to “The Supervisor and 1 Councilmember (or 2 Councilmembers, or the Town Attorney and Supervisor)”
- 2. 5.0 Content Guidelines
 - a. Added – 5.1.13 “To post dog control information e.g.: “We found this dog this morning on Mill Rd. Please let us know if you have any information about the owner.”
 - b. 5.6 – changed the location of where removed content documentation is stored to “That Administrator must first screenshot the comment that is being deleted (or hidden) and send the screenshot to codered@townofaurora.com with a description of the reason why the comment was removed, the date and time it was removed, and the identity of the poster, when available. Codered@townofaurora.com is a shared email that sends to the supervisor, councilmembers, and to an administrator@townofaurora.com email address that will store the message in case it is needed in the future.”
 - c. 5.10 – shifted content to 5.11 and instead made 5.10 reflect “The Town will post this Social Media Policy on its website.”
- 3. Appendix A: List of Approved Town Social Media Pages & Administrators
 - a. Added Town Clerk Viger to the Town of Aurora (TOA) Facebook, Instagram and YouTube
 - b. Removed Elizabeth Wilber from TOA YouTube account
 - c. Replaced Jim Bach with Supervisor Snyder on TOA Historian Facebook and Instagram
 - d. Added Councilmember Wrazen to TOA Highway and Dog Control Facebook
 - e. Added Councilmember McCann to TOA Recreation Department Facebook
 - f. Added Councilmembers Wochensky and McCann as well as Supervisor Snyder to Climate Smart Committee Facebook

5) Waste Management Discussion:

Supervisor Snyder stated he and Councilmember Wrazen had a meeting with Waste Management to discuss the plan and timing for rolling out trash and recycling bins to the Town of Aurora residents. The initial April time frame has been postponed to September 1, 2026 in order to allow for enough time to communicate and prepare residents for this change. Totes are expected to arrive sometime mid-August. The board discussed doing what they can to get the messaging out as soon as possible, ideally beginning in May with the support of communication materials from Waste Management. There was further discussion about resident schedules for delivery of bins, timeline expectations for/from Waste Management, how to get rid of your old garbage cans, bulk pick up frequency and the request processes for smaller totes or more totes for the property. As far as an opportunity for the public to hear directly from Waste Management, representatives will attend an upcoming town board meeting to present information to the board, and public will be able to pose questions and feedback to the board.

6) Planning Board Responsibility for 2025 Comprehensive Plan Review:

Planning Board Member Tim Stroth made an inquiry of the board seeking direction about what is expected of the Planning Board in review of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan prior to the March 9 public hearing. Bearing in mind the short timeline, the plan is to submit comments to the board so as not to impede the progress of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Stroth asked for specific direction about what's needed from the Planning board. Councilmember Wrazen stated it would be helpful to look at the community's priorities collected via surveys that may have conflicts, e.g. concerns about overdevelopment but the lack of senior/workforce housing to see if the outcome of the plan addresses all the feedback sensibly and reasonably.

Jeanne Viger
Town Clerk