

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

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, July 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:	Jessica Armbrust Benjamin Garvey Joseph McCann Charles D. Snyder Raymond Wrazen	Councilmember Councilmember Deputy Supervisor Supervisor Councilmember
Excused:	Brigid Maloney	Town Attorney
Others Present:	Chris Musshafen David Gunner Douglas Crow Patrick Welch Paul Ernst Elizabeth Cassidy Rodney Simeone	Recreation Director Highway Superintendent Planning Board Chairperson Chief of Police Zoning Board Chairperson Code Enforcement Officer Zoning Board Member

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

Before moving into the Waste Management Informational Session, Supervisor 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.

WASTE MANAGEMENT INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Blair Lakso, Waste Management Representative presented the Town's transition to automated trash and recycling collection. Each residence will initially receive a 96-gallon trash tote and a 96-gallon recycling tote. Trash will be collected weekly, recycling every other week, and up to three bulk items will be collected during a designated week each month. Bulk items should generally weigh no more than 100 pounds, measure no more than four feet in any direction, and be manageable by two employees. Residents may request a 64-gallon tote after a three-month trial period.

Lakso said the exact delivery date had not yet been confirmed, but distribution should take five or six days once it begins. Residents will receive an informational flyer before delivery explaining collection days, bulk collection, tote placement, and acceptable trash and recycling. Waste Management will also establish a dedicated Town of Aurora webpage where residents can enter their address to find service information.

The automated system is intended to improve employee safety, reduce missed collections, keep trash contained, discourage animals, increase recycling, and improve visibility during snowstorms. Waste Management will repair or replace damaged company-issued totes. The company also plans to provide the Town with delivery, waste, and recycling tonnage reports following implementation.

Questions and Comments from the Town Supervisor, Board Members & Town Clerk

Several questions were asked related to: the rollout date, long driveways, snowbanks, tote placement, bulk limits, old garbage cans, extra totes, communications, costs, recycling results, missed pickups, and the handling of appliances containing refrigerant.

Lakso replied that residents with long driveways may leave totes near the road and carry individual bags to them or use available towing attachments. Waste Management prefers approximately four feet of clearance from vehicles, mailboxes, and other totes, but drivers can work with tighter conditions when necessary. Totes may be placed on a packed or lowered snowbank if accessible to the collection arm.

Regarding appliances containing refrigerant, Lakso said residents should have the refrigerant removed and the appliance marked as such. Waste Management can arrange proper removal when it collects an unmarked appliance, but it cannot control appliances taken by private scrappers before collection. Deputy Supervisor McCann requested a follow up discussion on preventing the improper release of refrigerant.

Old garbage cans may be repurposed, recycled when appropriate, or placed out as bulk if clearly labeled. Store-bought cans and similar looking totes cannot be used with the new automated trucks because the hydraulic arms could damage them. Waste Management indicated that one additional tote would likely be available through coordination with the Town, although those details and many other details of the general rollout were still being developed.

Waste Management said automation will reduce the amount of the annual contract increase. A 4% increase was referenced during the discussion, and Lakso said the company would not pass through an additional 2027 recycling adjustment. Waste Management is also investing in new totes and automated trucks, including two side-loading collection vehicles costing approximately \$543,000 each.

Town Resident Comments

Tom Cotton: Asked how the new program would affect brush, lawn waste, small construction debris, extra garbage, and unwanted cans. Lakso said dried grass and similar material may be placed in the trash tote. Larger yard debris and small pieces of wood may be placed out during the monthly bulk week. An unwanted can may be collected as bulk if clearly labeled. Lakso said an additional trash tote was expected to be available through the Town.

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Robert Aronica: Asked whether current collection employees would keep their jobs, how tires would be handled, and how residents on heavily snowed-in roads would place their totes. Lakso said employees would continue working in other collection, bulk, yard, or driving positions. Town officials clarified that tire and electronic collections are handled by the Highway Department four times per year and would not change. Lakso said Waste Management would work to complete collections during difficult snow conditions.

Susan Collins: Expressed concern about disposing of as many as 15 or 16 bags of yard debris. Lakso said tied brown bags may be collected as bulk items, but Waste Management will not provide a tote dedicated solely to yard waste. Dried yard waste may be placed in the regular trash tote.

Ray Kron: Suggested reusing old garbage cans and other discarded household items as planters, storage containers, raised garden beds, and youth recycling projects. Lakso supported the suggestion as a way to reduce landfill waste.

Jerry Thompson Sr.: Asked to receive a smaller tote immediately because of limited garage space and possible homeowners' association restrictions. Lakso said all residents will initially receive 96-gallon totes and may request a smaller size after three months. He noted that the 64-gallon and 96-gallon totes have similar footprints.

Joe Zwack: Raised concerns about placing as many as eight totes along Blakeley Road where there is little shoulder, a drainage ditch, and significant snow accumulation. Lakso said the preferred four-foot clearance is flexible, the collection arms can extend approximately 14 feet, and drivers can work with tighter placement when necessary.

John Hughes: Asked whether totes could be placed on or behind a lowered snowbank, separated on opposite sides of a driveway, and positioned away from the driveway opening. Lakso said totes may be separated and placed several feet from the pavement if the collection arm has a direct path. He also confirmed that the informational flyer will explain service days, bulk collection, acceptable materials, and tote placement.

Town Highway Superintendent Gunner: Suggested that residents with limited roadside space contact the appropriate highway department about installing an additional culvert or creating a landing area for the totes. He also requested that Waste Management provide videos showing how the automated collection arms operate. Lakso agreed to provide videos for the Town to share before the rollout.

Judy Weisner: Asked whether the program would increase taxes and expressed concern about elderly residents moving large totes down long driveways. Officials said automation would reduce the size of the annual contract increase. Lakso acknowledged the difficulty but said residents unable to move the totes could seek assistance from a neighbor or another person.

Michael Wagner: Questioned the financial benefit to residents, the reduction in the amount of trash that may be placed out, bulk-item limits, tote placement, and what happens when collection is missed. Lakso said the company is absorbing certain costs, providing and maintaining the totes, and investing in automated equipment. Oversized bulk items that cannot reasonably be handled by two employees may be tagged and left for the resident to address. Residents may report missed collection through the Town, Waste Management, or the dedicated Town of Aurora webpage, and Waste Management would generally return to correct the issue.

Tom Cotton: Must residents label their new totes? Lakso said no. Recycling totes will have yellow lids, and trash totes will have green lids.

John Horn: Asked about leaves, branches, root balls, and whether his existing automated-compatible can could continue to be used. Lakso said leaves and branches may be collected if properly placed, while heavy root balls are not accepted. A root ball with the dirt removed may be placed in the tote if it fits or may be accepted by the Highway Department. Lakso said only Waste Management-issued totes may be used because the new collection arms could damage other cans.

Jay Chipman: Said the large totes would be difficult for senior citizens and residents with long driveways and could lead to totes being stored near the road. He said he did not believe the change would benefit those residents.

Sarah Connaughton: Asked whether the smaller 32-gallon tote shown on Waste Management's website would be available. Lakso said the Town's trucks are equipped only for 64-gallon and 96-gallon totes. She also expressed concern that a 96-gallon tote would not fit in her vehicle for transport down her 250-foot driveway.

David Weisner: Said he and his wife currently use small cans that can be transported in their vehicle and that the larger totes would be difficult to move, particularly during the winter. Lakso suggested placing the recycling tote out only when full but acknowledged that the new totes would be required under the program.

Deputy Supervisor McCann moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of July 13, 2026 Town Board meeting, July 21, 2026 Work Session minutes and July 27, 2026 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers 839 through 906 and P-Card voucher 908 to be paid from the following funds:

Action #252
7/13 Town Board,
7/21 Work session
minutes & 7/27/26
abstract approved

General Fund	\$	81,879.10
Part Town Fund	\$	261.06
Highway Part Town Fund	\$	238,741.72
Special Districts	\$	86,382.65
Trust & Agency	\$	17,843.03
Water	\$	1,479.67
Grand Total Abstract	\$	426,587.23

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

AUDIENCE I:

Jeff Harris: Related to the Special Use permit and Site Plan for 1196 Big Tree Road, Mr. Harris raised concerns about traffic, parking, road safety, impacts on nearby homes, and whether the proposed lodging and event uses fit the definition of a campground.

Valerie Davis: Also on 1196 Big Tree Road, Ms. Davis opposed the project, citing increased traffic, continued development, and concerns that the special use could expand beyond its intended scope.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilmember Garvey recused himself from all three motions related to 1196 Big Tree Road.

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

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Resolution
1196 Big Tree Road (SBL#165.00-1-28.21)

Action #253
SEQR negative
declaration for
1196 Big Tree SUP &
Site Plan adopted

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Aurora declares itself lead agency with regard to SEQR for the Special Use Permit (SUP) and Site Plan application to operate a campground and construct seasonal cottages, treehouses, a lodge, and convert the existing residences into sleeping rooms and an administration building at 1196 Big Tree Road; and further

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 action is an Unlisted action; and further

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Aurora has determined that this 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 and Site Plan applications to operate a campground and construct seasonal cottages, treehouses, a lodge, and convert the existing residences into sleeping rooms and an administration building at 1196 Big Tree Road, East Aurora, NY.

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four; noes – none; recusal – one by Councilmember Garvey. Motion carried.

Councilmember Wrazen moved to adopt the following resolution; Deputy Supervisor McCann seconded the motion:

Action #254
1196 Big Tree SUP
adopted

RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL USE PERMIT
1196 Big Tree Road (SBL#165.00-1-28.21)

WHEREAS, Rachel Krajewski/Carner Development Group has applied for a Special Use Permit to operate a campground and construct seasonal cottages, treehouses, a lodge, and convert the existing residences into sleeping rooms and an administration building at 1196 Big Tree Road, East Aurora, 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, the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Town Board approve the Special Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Aurora stipulates the applicant's adherence to these conditions:

- a) Pursuant to Town of Aurora Zoning Code § 116-27(A)(11), the Town Board hereby finds that 30 parking spaces is sufficient, however if in the future with good cause shown after an opportunity for the Applicant and/or its successors and/or assigns to be heard, the Town Board may require up to 21 additional parking spaces to be constructed
- b) No outdoor wood fires of any kind are permitted. Propane or similar fire pits are permitted
- c) No outdoor amplified music or similar volume of manmade sounds from 10 PM to 8 AM
- d) A caretaker and/or responsible person be present at all times when campground is in operation

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- e) Combined attendance at simultaneous events shall not exceed 100 persons, inclusive of employees and/or contractors
- f) All events to be private with only invitees attending, meaning events are not open to the general public; 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 aforementioned conditions, to Rachel Krajewski/Carner Development Group, to operate a campground and construct seasonal cottages, treehouses, a lodge, and convert the existing residences into sleeping rooms and an administration building at 1196 Big Tree Road, East Aurora, NY.

[Deputy Supervisor McCann brought up a discussion about occupancy. The Board discussed limiting attendance at the proposed campground and event venue. Councilmember Armbrust recommended reducing the event limit from 100 attendees to 80 because the lodge’s building-code occupancy is 80 and the site has only 30 parking spaces.

Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy explained that the 80-person limit applies only inside the lodge, while other guests could be elsewhere on the property. The Board agreed instead to cap the total number of people attending all concurrent events at 100, including employees and contractors.

The Board also agreed that a caretaker or responsible person must be present whenever the campground is operating. The SUP Resolution and Site Plan Resolutions reflect these changes.]

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four; noes – none; recusal – one by Councilmember Garvey. Motion carried.

Action #255
1196 Big Tree Rd
Site Plan approved

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SITE PLAN
1196 Big Tree Road (SBL#165.00-1-28.21)**

WHEREAS, Rachel Krajewski/Carner Development Group has submitted a Site Plan Review Application to operate a campground and construct seasonal cottages, treehouses, a lodge, and convert the existing residences into sleeping rooms and an administration building for SBL#165.00-1-28.21 at 1196 Big Tree Road, East Aurora NY; and

WHEREAS, at their May 6, 2026 meeting the Aurora Town Planning Board recommended approval of the site plan; and

WHEREAS, Town Board of the Town of Aurora stipulates that the applicant is required to adhere to these conditions:

- a) Pursuant to Town of Aurora Zoning Code § 116-27(A)(11), the Town Board hereby finds that 30 parking spaces is sufficient, however if in the future with good cause shown after an opportunity for the Applicant and/or its successors and/or assigns to be heard, the Town Board may require up to 21 additional parking spaces to be constructed
- b) No outdoor wood fires of any kind are permitted. Propane or similar fire pits are permitted
- c) No outdoor amplified music or similar volume of manmade sounds from 10 PM to 8 AM
- d) A caretaker and/or responsible person must be present at all times when campground is in operation
- e) Combined attendance at simultaneous events shall not exceed 100 persons, inclusive of employees and/or contractors
- f) All events to be private with only invitees attending, meaning events are not open to the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Site Plan application and documents were sent to Erie County Department of Environment and Planning for review and issued a no recommendation, determining it to be of local concern; and

WHEREAS, the Site Plan application and documents were sent to New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) in which they responded that a Traffic Impact Study is required and pending and that in addition, a NYSDOT Work Permit will be required for any work located in the State Highway; and

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WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer determined this to be an unlisted action under SEQR and the Town Board found that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Site Plan for SBL#165.00-1-28.21 at 1196 Big Tree Road, East Aurora, NY, to operate a campground and construct seasonal cottages, treehouses, a lodge, and convert the existing residences into sleeping rooms and an administration building, is approved by the Town Board.

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four; noes – none; abstentions – one by Councilmember Garvey. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Snyder asked for a motion to add a secondary item to the Going Places Van Policy already on the agenda; moved by Deputy Supervisor McCann and seconded by Councilmember Garvey. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Snyder asked for a motion to add an executive session to New business about contract negotiations; moved by Councilmember Armbrust and seconded by Councilmember Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

A motion to authorize a payment to Clean Harbors for an acid clean up at the Community Pool in the amount of \$6,409.86 was made by Councilmember Wrazen and seconded by Councilmember Armbrust. This will be paid from line A7180.426. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Garvey moved to accept a donation to the Recreation Department from the Aktion Club in the amount of \$200 and allocated to line A2004. Councilmember Armbrust seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

A motion to authorize adding Michael Schermerhorn as a co-coach of the Blue Devils Soccer Camp Program splitting 85% of the revenue was requested. Coach Beal will receive 70%, Coach Schermerhorn 30%. Councilmember Armbrust moved and Councilmember Wrazen seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Deputy Supervisor McCann moved to refer the application from Jackson Guthrie of Green Spark Solar, for a Special Use Permit for an expansion to an existing ground-mounted solar display and system at 2100 Lewis Road, to the Planning Board for review and recommendation(s). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garvey. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Armbrust moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter of support to New York State Homes & Community Renewal (NYSHCR) for the Rural Outreach Center (ROC) to be designated as a Rural Preservation Company. Councilmember Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Garvey motioned to approve renewing a five year contract with Drescher & Malecki Accountants through 2030. Deputy Supervisor McCann seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Wrazen motioned to amend the budget to use funds from the contingent account to cover the cost of the July 3, 2026 Fireworks contract.

- Add appropriation line A 7550.413 Independence Day Fireworks
- Decrease A 1990 Contingent Account by \$1,237.76
- Increase A 7550.413 Independence Day Fireworks by \$1,237.76

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

A motion to surplus a 2014 Dell Optiplex 9020, TOA #2123 computer from the Senior Center was brought by Deputy Supervisor McCann. It is no longer compatible with the new printer. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garvey. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Armbrust motioned to approve a Budget Transfer from Highway Superintendent Gunner to and from these accounts due to the increased cost of oil:

- Decrease DB 5110.413 General Repairs – Rental Equipment by \$3,800
- Increase DB 5110.433 General Repairs – Materials & Supplies by \$3,800
- Decrease DB 5110.411 General Repairs – Fuel to Other Agencies by \$6,000
- Increase DB 5110.433 General Repairs – Materials & Supplies by \$6,000

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

Councilmember Garvey moved to approve overnight travel for Court Clerk Elizabeth Wilber to attend New York State Association Magistrate Court Clerk (NYSAMCC)

Action #256
Add an item to the agenda approved

Action #257
Add executive session to agenda approved

Action #258
Payment to Clean Harbors for acid leak clean up authorized

Action #259
Aktion Club donation to Recreation accepted

Action #260
Add M. Schermerhorn to Blue Devils Soccer Camp authorized

Action #261 SUP for 2100 Lewis solar array expansion referred to Planning Board

Action #262
Supervisor authorized to sign ROC support letter to NYSHCR

Action #263
Drescher & Malecki Accountants contract renewal thru 2030 approved

Action #264
Budget amendment approved for Fireworks/K. Moffat

Action #265
Surplus of Sr. Center computer approved

Action #266
Budget amendments approved for Highway

Action #267
Overnight travel for

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conference in Albany, NY. Registration fee is \$100 and the \$946 package includes three overnights and meals. Deputy Supervisor McCann seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Armbrust moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Fontanese Folts Aubrecht Ernst Architects, P.C. (FFAE) proposal for the work to be done in West Falls using the NY Forward Grant. Councilmember Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Wrazen moved to appoint William Fierle, Lapham Road, Katelyn Welker, Underhill Road and Lori Borowiak, South Grove Street all of East Aurora, NY, as Alternate Planning Board members for the term of 7/27/2026 through 12/31/2026. Councilmember Armbrust seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Deputy Supervisor McCann moved to adopt the Going Places Van Policy in which Erie County leases a 2025 Ford Transit to the Town of Aurora as operators. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garvey. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Garvey moved to adopt the Going Places Van Driver Policy and Driver Policy Acknowledgement. Deputy Supervisor McCann seconded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Armbrust moved to approve and adopt the following 2027 Budget Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Wrazen. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

E. Wilber for NYSAMCC approved

Action #268 Supervisor authorized to sign FFAE proposal for W. Falls NY Forward Grant

Action#269 W. Fierle, K. Welker & L. Borowiak appointed Planning Board Alternates

Action #270 Going Places Van Policy adopted

Action #271 Going Places Van Driver Policy and Policy Acknowledgement adopted

Action #272 2027 Budget Calendar approved

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2027 BUDGET CALENDAR

ACTION REQUIRED	Action Required By	Date
Distribute budget request forms to Department Heads	Budget Officer	July 24
Formulate budget requests; meet with Town Board Liaisons	Department Heads	July 27-Aug 6
Submit signed budget request forms to Supervisor's Office	Department Heads	August 7
Town Board Meeting w/ Department Heads & Budget Officer *SPECIAL MEETING: CONFERENCE ROOM*	Town Board Department Heads Budget Officer	11 AM August 12
Compute budgetary estimates for all department's mandatory accounts (e.g. payroll, fringes, etc.)	Budget Officer	August 13-28
Formulates Tentative Budget	Supervisor Budget Officer	Aug 31-Sept 11
Work Session to Review Tentative Budget *SPECIAL MEETING: CONFERENCE ROOM*	Town Board Budget Officer	5 PM September 16
File Tentative Budget with Town Clerk	Budget Officer	September 24
Present Tentative Budget to Town Board	Town Clerk	September 28
Work Session to review Tentative Budget *SPECIAL MEETING: CONFERENCE ROOM*	Town Board Budget Officer	5 PM October 7
Approve changes to Tentative Budget and accept it as Preliminary Budget	Town Board	October 13
Set Public Hearing	Town Board	October 13
Public Hearing held	Town Board Citizens	October 26
Work Session to review Preliminary Budget (if needed) *SPECIAL MEETING: BOARD ROOM*	Town Board Budget Officer	5 PM October 28
Adopt the Budget	Town Board	November 9

Councilmember Wrazen moved to approve the purchase of software under a three-year contract effective January 1, 2027 for the Building/Code Enforcement Office from iWorQ, 1125 West 400 North, Suite 102, Logan, UT 84321 at the following rates:

- Implementation/setup fee - \$250 (promotional rate reduced from \$12,000)
- 2027-2029 Subscription (Annual Fee) - \$20,000

And to authorize the Supervisor to sign the three-year agreement. Quotes were also acquired from GovWell:

- Implementation Fee - \$13,000
- Annual Fees - \$24,000

Action #273 Purchase of iWorQ Building Dept Software approved

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And requested from current provider Cloudpermit who has not responded. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS: None

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Deputy Supervisor McCann reported that the Town and Village are discussing deer mitigation. Public feedback will be gathered before moving forward, with concerns focused on tick-borne illnesses and damage to forest growth.

Councilmember Garvey announced a Dare-to-Repair Café on August 27 at the Aurora Senior Center. The Rotary Club will also collect bicycle donations.

Councilmember Armbrust thanked the Police Department for its work during the well-attended Summer Street festival and Reunion weekend.

Councilmember Wrazen shared the continued planning for a composting program using 21-gallon and countertop totes, with a tentative Saturday drop-off at the Village DPW.

Supervisor Snyder stated that the court renovation bid package was complete and bids would be opened August 27.

AUDIENCE II:

Robert Aronica: Asked the Town to consider performance bonds and penalties for residential construction projects that remain unfinished. He also requested stronger enforcement of truck parking near Boies and Schopper Roads and wider public notice of zoning variance applications.

Ray Kron: Raised traffic and pedestrian-safety concerns related to the proposed senior housing project near Route 20A. He urged the Town to address nearby intersections and traffic controls before the project moves forward.

STAFF REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent Gunner reported ongoing discussions with NYSDOT regarding traffic improvements at Route 20A and Mill Road as well as Route 20A near the proposed senior housing project. Due to rising asphalt costs, paving will likely shift from Luther Road to the smaller Castle Hill Road project.

Police Chief Welch discussed staffing shortages following several retirements and a departure, resulting in increased overtime. Funding was secured to replace a damaged speed-monitoring sign. National Night Out will be held August 4 at Hamlin Park. Two new police vehicles were also purchased under budget, allowing aging emergency equipment to be replaced.

Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy said the department is reviewing fees for items such as EV chargers and considering higher permit-renewal fees to encourage completion of long-standing construction projects. Recommendations will be presented to the Board.

Recreation Director Musshafen reported on the community pool's 60th anniversary, lifeguard training and day-camp activities. He also suggested forming a committee to raise funds for the entire July 3 celebration, including parade expenses.

Planning Board Chair Crow thanked the Board for supporting the appointment of new Planning Board members.

No further reports.

Councilmember Armbrust moved to enter into executive session at 8:04 PM to discuss contract negotiations. Councilmember Wrazen seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #274
Board enters executive session

Deputy Supervisor McCann moved to exit executive session at 9:07 PM to discuss contract negotiations. Councilmember Armbrust seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #275
Board exits executive session

Councilmember Garvey Deputy Supervisor McCann moved to adjourn at 9:08 PM, seconded by Deputy Supervisor McCann. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five, noes – none. Motion carried.

Action #276
Meeting adjourned

Jeanne H. Viger
Town Clerk