

Town of Aurora | Work Session | September 22, 2026

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, August 18, 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. The Work session was also live streamed via YouTube.

Present:	Jessica Armbrust	Councilmember
	Benjamin Garvey	Councilmember
	Joseph McCann	Councilmember
	Charles D. Snyder	Supervisor
	Raymond Wrazen	Councilmember

Others Present:	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
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Supervisor Snyder opened the session at 6:30 PM with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. 42 North Field Lighting at South Street Park

Ryan Sullivan, Board Member of East Aurora Baseball and Softball, presented a proposal to install six light poles at the 42 North field to expand practice and game availability from spring through fall. The Bunny family is donating the lights and Ferguson Electric is donating the poles, representing roughly \$25,000 to \$30,000 in contributed materials. The league asked the Town to help with installation costs and said it would fundraise for the remaining work. Ryan said the league needs a clear Town contribution so it can establish a fundraising target.

Highway Superintendent Gunner reviewed available Parks budget lines and said the Town could likely support a 50/50 split of the roughly \$10,000 pole installation cost, subject to Board approval. He cautioned that no money is currently budgeted next year for the remaining electrical work. He also supported having Ferguson complete the installation because of the pole size and utility concerns.

Supervisor Snyder emphasized the need for a complete financial and technical plan before proceeding. He raised questions about engineering, utilities, storm sewer conflicts and future costs, and suggested exploring outside grant or legislative funding. The general direction was to install the poles this fall, continue design and fundraising over the winter, and complete wiring and lighting in the spring.

2. Main Street Library Ramp

The Board discussed pursuing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for a larger ADA-compliant ramp project, potentially including heat, while making limited interim repairs to address current hazards. Highway Superintendent Gunner will obtain pricing for those temporary repairs.

3. Town Clerk Software – GovPilot

Town Clerk Viger presented GovPilot for the Town Clerk's Office, highlighting online services, FOIL tracking and workflow improvements. She estimated about \$20,500 in combined savings and new revenue. GovPilot's proposal was negotiated from \$20,000 annually plus a \$4,000 setup fee to \$16,000 annually with no setup fee under a three-year agreement. Town Clerk Viger asked that

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the proposal be considered and placed on the next agenda noting the contract is already under legal review.

4. Climate Smart & 2025 Comprehensive Plan Websites

Councilmember Wrazen brought up the future of the Comprehensive Plan and Climate Smart websites. The group generally supported keeping the information publicly accessible while moving ownership and control of Town-branded websites directly to the Town. Town Clerk Viger said the accounts should be transferred to the Town Clerk's Office and eventually incorporated into a redesigned Town website.

5. Beautification/AED Donation from Legislator Lorigo + NY Forward Grant

Supervisor Snyder discussed the West Falls/Colden Community Center beautification work what would include the clean up the traffic circle at the end of Route 400. The work on Route 400 is also part of the NY Forward grant. High school students are expected to assist with circle cleanup, and Mastersons Nursery will help identify plants to retain, develop landscaping options and estimate costs. Grant funds may first be used on the traffic circle, with remaining funds coordinated with the NY Forward project. The Board discussed AED purchases using grant funding, with updated quotes to be obtained.

6. League of Women Voters Candidate Night

The Board also discussed a League of Women Voters event and whether Town Hall could be used given the policy against political uses of the room.

7. 2027 Budget

The preliminary budget was reported to be about \$20,195 under the tax cap before final insurance figures and before adding the proposed \$16,000 GovPilot expense. The Board acknowledged the budget is tight but still has time for adjustments.

Jeanne H. Viger
Town Clerk