

**VILLAGE OF EAST AURORA  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
January 5, 2026 – 6:30 PM**

**Present:**

Trustee Lazickas  
Trustee Cameron  
Trustee Viger  
Trustee Scheer  
Trustee Flynn  
Mayor Mercurio

**Absent:**

Trustee Rabey

**Also Present:**

Maureen Jerackas, Clerk-Treasurer  
Shane Krieger, Village Administrator  
Patrick Welch, Police Chief  
Chris Trapp, Village Attorney  
Jeff Stoll, General Foreman  
Elizabeth Cassidy, Code Enforcement Officer  
12 Members of the public

A Motion by Trustee Cameron to approve the Village Board minutes for December 15, 2025, seconded by Trustee Scheer and carried by unanimous approval.

A Motion by Trustee Lazickas to approve the payment of Abstract for January 5, 2026, with a total of \$195,009.89, seconded by Trustee Flynn and carried by unanimous approval.

**SPEAKERS & COMMUNICATIONS**

- Joanne Ryan- 211 Porterville Road- She said that speeding has been an issue, and she sent an article regarding that to the Village Board. She thanked Police Chief Welch for getting the school pick-up route changed for the kids crossing Pine Street. She read a statement regarding her concern for traffic issues that she has with Pine Street and how it compares to other roads, especially with traffic controls and crosswalks. She said that she feels there is no safe place to cross on Pine Street. Mayor Mercurio said that the Village Board is working on getting a crosswalk at Fillmore. Mrs. Ryan said that she believes that isn't good enough. Mayor Mercurio asked Village Administrator Krieger what the county has said so far. Village Administrator Krieger said that the engineers felt that the only road that may meet the standards for them to install a stop sign is Girard and Pine. He said that they all agreed to wait until spring, when the traffic is up, to do the study. He also said that kids walking from Middle School should go down Main Street to Pine, and he said that crosswalks without traffic control are not safe. Mayor Mercurio asked Village Administrator Krieger to contact Lindsey Lorigo for a meeting or more information for the Village Board.

- Lisa Lubozynski- 270 Buffalo Road # 80- She said that she is in full support of 270 Buffalo Road, Knox Mansion, becoming a local landmark. She said that the HOA needs 100% vote for the change to make 8 more units. She said that she did research on the mansion and was amazed when learning about the architect. She read an article in support of keeping the Knox mansion and making it historic. Trustee Scheer spoke about knowing the family of the developer of the condos, Joe Giallanza, the history of the property, and how the Knox mansion was supposed to remain a community center. Trustee Lazickas asked if the vote to change the Knox mansion is a moot point because they need 100% of owners to agree, and they know that some do not. Mayor Mercurio said that if a building is over 50 years old, the HPC needs to weigh in on whether it should be demolished. Mary Ann Colopy reminded the Village Board that there is demolition by neglect. Ms. Lubozynski said that she believes that the Knox mansion is headed to demolition by neglect.

## **OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- A motion by Trustee Lazickas, to set a Public Hearing on February 2, 2026 – 270 Buffalo Rd – Knox Mansion as part of Stonegate to consider making it a local landmark, seconded by Trustee Viger, and unanimously approved
  - Mayor Mercurio suggested that anyone who would like to talk about this should come back to the public hearing and put it on record.
- A motion by Trustee Cameron, to approve the Building Department to seek judicial action regarding Kevin & Dannin Cavanaugh of 472 Girard Avenue due to a violation of their building permit, seconded by Trustee Flynn, and unanimously approved.
  - Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy reviewed the violation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mayor Mercurio asked Clerk Treasurer Jerackas about the grant for the feasibility study for the land on Girard and Buffalo. Clerk Treasurer Jerackas said that the scope was sent to the county and they sent back revisions which were sent to the board. She asked the board if they had any comments about the revisions and the Village Board had none. She also said that she asked for it to be changed to have at least two public meetings on this so we could have more if needed.
- Mayor Mercurio asked Clerk Treasurer Jerackas about the Village Facebook page. She said that there have been a few issues with the start up and are currently still working on it.
- Mayor Mercurio said that he has been reviewing the regional comprehensive plan that the Village is a part of and asked the Village Board to see if there are any changes that they would like to make or review.
- Mayor Mercurio asked Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy if there were any updates on the demolition section of the code. Code Enforcement Officer Cassidy said that she is currently working on it and will have it over to HPC to review within the next month.
- Mayor Mercurio said that he spoke to Randy West on the Village Planning Commission about the quaker development and wants the Village to review the traffic study given to them by the developer. Mayor Mercurio asked Clerk Treasurer Jerackas to find out how much that would cost to be done by our engineers and review that with the Village Board. Mayor Mercurio said that the Planning Commission can outline what they are looking for clarification on.

## **SPEAKERS AND COMMUNICATIONS (II)**

- Mary Ann Colopy- HPC Chairperson- She said that she looked at both the Planning Board agenda and the Village Board agenda and she said that both are talking about condominiums. She said that the comprehensive plan reiterates that this is a rural community and adding more neighborhoods will fundamentally change village life. She said that when she looks at the Quaker Road project, if it is zoned residential, she said that would be considered spot zoning. She said that she believes that we need to go

back and look at the comprehensive plan and wants to uphold the goals there. She also believes that utilization of the Fisher Price property will be a very large change in our Village.

## **Department Head and Trustee Reports**

**Police Chief**– He said things are going well and that January is a slow month.

**General Foreman**- He said that the DPW was busy with the wind and snow. He thanked all of his guys for doing a great job. He said that the DPW will be taking down the Christmas lights this week. He also said that they received a lot of compliments for the Christmas lights being in the trees and wanted to thank Mayor Mercurio for the idea. Mayor Mercurio thanked the DPW for their great execution of getting the lights up.

**Code Enforcement Officer**- none

**Village Administrator**- He said that himself and General Foreman Stoll were reappointed to Erie County Sewer District number eight board of managers.

**Village Clerk-Treasurer**- She said that she spent some time with the new town clerk and assisting. Mayor Mercurio thanked Clerk-Treasurer Jerackas for doing that. She said that she has meetings with the department heads this week to review their budgets. She said that she received a notice from Erie County that they are raising water prices and that cost will be passed on to the consumer. She said that her and Jeff are looking into grant funding having to do with lead services and seeing if anything can be done on the Village side. She said that General Foreman Stoll is going to call the engineers that are working on the water study that will likely be done in a few months. Mayor Mercurio and General Foreman Stoll discussed the water main. Jeff said residents should leave a message at the DPW for Brian he is contacting everyone back regarding their particular property.

**Trustee Viger**- She asked about the status of the tree code. Village Attorney Trapp said that he has not received the documents needed from NYSEG. Village Administrator Krieger said that he would reach out to get more information. Trustee Viger also gave a shout-out to the fire department for making over 1,200 calls this year and all the volunteers who donate their time to the community. Mayor Mercurio said that he really appreciates the fire department and all of their amazing work.

**Trustee Flynn**- none

**Trustee Scheer**- He said that he received a response from Mr. Giallanza and that he would be willing to come to a meeting to talk about how he would not like to see the Knox mansion changed.

**Trustee Cameron**- none

**Trustee Lazickas**- none

**Mayor Mercurio**- He said that he already talked about everything he needed to during the meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Trustee Lazickas to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. Seconded by Trustee Scheer and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Jerackas  
Village Clerk-Treasurer