

VILLAGE OF EAST AURORA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING May 4, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Present:

Trustee Lazickas
Trustee Cameron
Trustee Kamp- 7:03pm
Trustee Rabey
Trustee Root
Mayor Wochensky

Also Present:

Maureen Jerackas, Clerk-Treasurer
Pat Welch, Police Chief
Jeff Stoll, General Foreman
Chris Trapp, Village Attorney
Liz Cassidy, Code Enforcement Officer
Brian Halt, Water Foreman
43 Members of the public

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Mayor Wochensky opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 pm to consider the Village of East Aurora Annual MS-4 Report.
No comments were made
Mayor Wochensky closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 pm.

SPEAKERS & COMMUNICATIONS (I) – Agenda Items Only- None**CONSENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- A Motion by Trustee Cameron to approve all consent agenda items
 - Minutes of Village Board Meeting for April 20, 2026
 - Payment for May 4 Abstract 2025/2026 fiscal year for a total of \$248,512.41.
 - Permission for the Mayor or his designee to sign the MS4 report
 - Temporary Use Permit for EA Union Free School, Jackey Rabey - 5th & 6th Grade Field Day on June 9th (rain date June 10th), from 7:30 am -1:30 pm.
 - Temporary Use Permit for The Roycroft Campus Corp, Samantha Lehsten, Summer Art and Antique Show on June 27th -28th, from 10 am-5 pm.
 - Temporary Use Permit for The Roycroft Campus Corp, Samantha Lehsten, Fall Festival October 3rd - 4th 10 am-5 pm
 - Permission for the Chief of Police Patrick Welch to attend a technology training summit with Axon June 2-3 Scottsdale, AZ
 - Permission for the Mayor or his designee to sign the PERMA Workers' Comp Insurance renewal for 2026/27
 - Permission for the Mayor or his designee to sign the GIS Service renewal for 2026/27
 - Permission for the Mayor or his designee to sign the ESRI Service renewal for 2026/27
 - Permission for the Mayor or his designee to sign the Lift Off renewal for 2026- 2029
 - Permission for the Mayor or his designee to sign the Village Engineer, Barton Loguidice,

renewal for 2026/27

- Intermunicipal Agreement for joint ERT contract with the Town of Orchard Park, as written May 5, 2025
- BE IT RESOLVED, the Clerk–Treasurer is hereby authorized to modify the 2025/2026 Budget in the following manner:
Revenue – 4.2770 Unclassified - \$ 100.00
Expenditures – 5.8560.0430 Shade Trees-Tree Purchase - \$ 100.00
Donation for trees, Arbor Day
- DECLARE SURPLUS PROPERTY
BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Public Works has a 2016 Chevy 2500 (#502) VIN 1GC1KUEG0GF106998 and 1988 Sidewalk Plow SW-48 Chassis-001881059 for surplus property and is due to be auctioned within the next 90 days.

The foregoing motions and resolutions were seconded by Trustee Rabey and unanimously approved.

OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A motion by Trustee Kamp, to Appoint Patrick Richey & Monique Brannon to the Historic Preservation Commission for a 4-year term ending April 1, 2030, seconded by Trustee Lazickas, and unanimously approved.
- A motion by Trustee Bojanowski to assign a fire department clerk
WHEREAS, the Village of East Aurora Fire Department needs additional support for administrative tasks, and
WHEREAS, the fire department needs tasks like required training tracked properly, purchasing policies documents that need to be properly recorded, and required reporting reviewed to ensure that they are submitted by the department in a timely manner, and
WHEREAS, Christine Cappola, Sr. Administrative Assistant of the DPW, has agreed to assist with these clerical tasks for the Fire Department Chief and Clerk-Treasurer; and
WHEREAS, the positions shall be paid a stipend for this work; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Christine Cappola is appointed as the Fire Department clerk starting June 1, 2026, with a stipend of \$2,000 per year. The stipend will be paid out biweekly as long as this task is assigned to the employee. Seconded by Trustee Root and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Local Law amending the Village Code Chapter §112 Demolitions- Trustee Bojanowski updated the Village board on the changes that were made. The name was changed to add structural modifications, and a staggered square footage size and percentage change to scale. The HPC will automatically look at the property without the Village Board officially sending it there. Trustee Lazickas reviewed the changes as well. He said that he would not like to delay the vote any further because there are a lot of projects on hand. Mayor Wochensky stated that the public hearing for this topic is on May 18th.
- Pine Street Traffic Study- Mayor Wochensky said that the Village Board spoke about locations at Center St. & South St and also Pine Street. Along with General Foreman Stoll, Clerk- Treasurer Jerackas, Police Chief Welch, he met with Gina from Erie County DOT. Mayor Wochensky spoke about the volume needed in order to meet what was needed for a stop sign. He noted that the Village would be able to do a crosswalk with portable lighting and ADA curbs at a cost of about \$40,000.
 - JoAnn Ryan- 211 Porterville Rd- She has serious concerns about the safety of pedestrians on Pine and Porterville, along with the volume and type of traffic in that area.

- Moe Gavin- 117 Pine- He has concerns about cars racing and would like more police patrols and signs to slow down on Pine Street. He said that he was not happy about the traffic study that was done.
- Lexi Best- 208 Porterville- She is for a crosswalk on Pine and Porterville. She is concerned about speeding in that area and the blind curve. She would like more police patrols and signs as well.
- Jerry Thompson- 162 Pine- He spoke of the number of cars that move through other streets in the Village that have more traffic than Pine that don't have stop signs. He does believe that there is a problem at Porterville and Pine at the curve, however he does not believe that putting a stop sign on Pine will solve the issue.
- Allison Hyde- 270 Buffalo- She said that she lived on Dorchester for years. She is concerned about the safety of pedestrians on Pine St as well and is for traffic control devices.
- Lynn Chimera- 170 Pine- She said that people often go through the stop sign onto her lawn and is upset that the sidewalk doesn't continue. She said that it's not a safe place to cross the road.
- Michelle Parrish- 854 Lawrence- She is concerned about the traffic on Pine and is disappointed in the previous traffic studies. She read a letter from Emily Moore on 77 Pine who would like a stop sign to be put in. She also read a letter from Kim Deperno that says that she wants something to stop and slow down traffic on Pine.
- Rose Colomaio- 240 Pine- She agrees with the other speakers that she believes that Pine Street is not safe. She said that she has concerns about speeding in the area.
- Mary Reid- Center Street- She has concerns about the speed and the amount of traffic on Pine Street. She wants the citizens to be protected.
- Maggy Mars- 744 Lawrence- She said that she agrees with the other speakers about the traffic on Pine Street and asked about a speed bump.
- David Peruzzini- 341 South Street- He has concerns about the safety of Pine Street, including the amount of traffic and speed. He is also concerned that there are no sidewalks in the area.
- Penny Messenger- 365 Center St- She spoke about the need for traffic control on South and Center. She has a problem with noise and safety.
- Steve Smith- 312 Center St- He said that speeding and noise are an issue and doesn't believe stop signs will help. He gave other options, like speed bumps, narrowing the roads, speed signs, safety cameras and decreasing speed limits. He also would like an affective traffic study.
- Sue Brazil- 690 Girard- She is concerned about the safety on Girard and Pine.
- Bill Paine- 365 Center St- He believes that Center St and South St are unsafe.
- Sally Mitchell- 206 Center St- She agrees with the other speakers in regard to the safety in those areas.
- Trustee Lazickas spoke about a traffic sign on Center going up years ago. He agrees with the traffic issue on Center St. He doesn't know what the answer is, but he agrees and appreciates everyone expressing their concerns.
- Mayor Wochensky notes that he understands the concerns. He said that he knows it's not just about asking for the study. He said that the Village Bike and Pedestrian Committee is meeting weekly to review these, among other concerns. He spoke about changing the feasibility study grant being changed to a comprehensive plan grant to address these and other concerns.
- Trustee Root and Trustee Kamp spoke about the work that the Village Bike Board is doing. Trustee Kamp said that he appreciates the comments.
- Trustee Bojanowski said that he wants to find a solution.
- Trustee Cameron spoke about working with others, like the town.

NEW BUSINESS

- Village Engineer Water Report/Plan- The Village Engineer did a presentation on our water system. It was noted that the previous Village Board started this, and these are the results. Mayor Wochensky spoke about how the Village Board will be proceeding with reviewing this project. Trustee Bojanowski

asked about the potential to give the water to Erie County. Mayor Wochensky said that it would be a community decision whether to keep it or give it up. Trustee Cameron noted the ripple effect when doing projects, which increases the cost. Trustee Root asked if this was part of the contingency money in the estimates. The engineer said yes. Trustee Bojanowski asked for a clearer map without the red and green.

SPEAKERS & COMMUNICATIONS

- Town application - GML 239-m Referral Area Variance request 559 South Street- Mayor Wochensky reviewed that the Village received a notification from the Town of Aurora about an application.
- Patrick Shea- 486 Griggs Place- He spoke about the county and working with them on traffic signing issues. On behalf of the Rotary, they would like to collect surplus bikes to donate. Mayor Wochensky asked if they could do the collection of donated bikes in August with the Dare to Repair Café. Mr. Shea spoke about potentially having the Rotary refurbish the sign on the Roycroft Pavillion. Clerk- Treasurer Jerackas said that the bikes would have to be made surplus at a future meeting.
- JoAnne Ryan- 211 Porterville- She spoke about the traffic study and other issues. She would like the Village to meet with the County and look at all the intersections. She said that Lindsey Lorigo and Mason have been to see that intersection.
- Steve Smith- He said that the Village Board should be worried about Pine and Center before digging up roads for water projects.
- Jenn Brazill- 115 Blake Hill Rd- She requested that the Village Board look at Walnut Street, Pine, and Girard. She has concerns about houses being built and the impact on the environment surrounding them.

Department Head and Trustee Reports

General Foreman- He said that the DPW has put the graduation banners up. He said that when it's dry, the DPW has been out patching streets and is keeping up on brush pick up. He said they are looking to start milling in the beginning of June and paving at the end of June.

Police Chief- He said that the evening supervisors have been attending the Village Bike Board. Coffee with a Cop event went well. He met with the new grant writer about potential opportunities. There will be a meeting to talk about the deer population on Friday with the Town. He has a meeting tomorrow with the mayor on making a dispatch staffing plan. Two police cars were finally going to be auctioned off. The police department works hard every day to help with traffic control issues.

Village Engineer- He spoke about studies that were done when he was on the bike board.

Code Enforcement Officer- She thanked the Village Board members and the HPC for their work on the Demo code

Trustee Lazickas- He said that they have a Hamlin Park Committee meeting tomorrow and are looking at a possible playground grant.

Trustee Cameron- none

Trustee Root- She said that she attended a meeting with the new grant writer and the Village Bike Board meeting.

Trustee Bojanowski- He said that he got to meet with the DPW crew and see the snowplows. He attended Coffee with a Cop, and it went great. He will be at the Hamlin Park Committee meeting tomorrow.

Trustee Kamp- none

Trustee Rabey- none

Village Clerk-Treasurer- She said that the Village Tax Bills are in and will be coming out soon.

Mayor Wochensky- He would like to have a liaison from the Village Board to attend Town Board meetings and talked about having a cornhole event on June 20th. He said that he met with Waste Management about long term implementing composting and adding a recycling dumpster for cardboard. He spoke about having recycling bins on Main Street. He met with the Roycroft about the shipping building. He met with the engineers and also met with the July 4th planning committee. Village identified some trees and work that was done on Hamlin with an arborist. He said that some of the Village Board members attended the Arbor Day celebration. They planted a tree and thanked the High school for the invitation. He said that he met with the Legion about banners and

sewage connections. He said that he met with the grant writer to speak about county and regional grant opportunities. He said that interviews are continuing to be conducted for open positions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

A motion by Trustee Rabey to open an executive session at 8:54pm for personnel issues, administrator interviews, and a contractual agreement with the Village Attorney, seconded by Trustee Bojanowski, and unanimously approved.

A motion by Mayor Wochensky to close the executive session at 9:39pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Bojanowski to adjourn the meeting at 9:39pm, seconded by Trustee Root and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Jerackas
Village Clerk-Treasurer