

VILLAGE OF EAST AURORA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

June 1, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Present:

Trustee Rabey
Trustee Cameron
Trustee Bojanowski
Trustee Kamp
Trustee Root
Mayor Wochensky

Absent:

Trustee Lazickas

Also Present:

Maureen Jerackas, Clerk-Treasurer
Liz Cassidy, Code Enforcement Officer
Jeff Stoll, General Foreman
Dustin Waldron, Police Lieutenant
9 Members of the public

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Mayor Wochensky opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 pm to consider a local law to extend the moratorium on unnecessary tree trimming in the Village
 - Michelle Biella -370 South Park Pl- She said that she agrees with the moratorium continuing if the Local Law is still being worked on.
- Mayor Wochensky closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 pm.

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

CONSENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Mayor Wochensky pulled the application for Church in the Park to have more time to review, as he said that he just saw it and that, during campaigning, this was something that residents had concerns about.
- A Motion by Trustee Cameron to approve all consent agenda items
 - Minutes of Village Board Meeting for May 18, 2026
 - Payment for May 28, 2026 Abstract 2025/2026 fiscal year for a total of \$89,144.63.
 - New member of the East Aurora Fire Department: Bobby Eccleston
 - Permission for the mayor or his designee to sign the renewal for the Village EAP insurance with ESI
 - Set a public hearing for June 15, 2026, to consider a Special Use Permit for application for 635 Main St, Sylvia Walworth of Valvoline Instant Oil Change, for a vehicle service shop.
 - Award the auction sale amounts from Auctions International, as follows:
 - 2022 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor - 0024 awarded to Public_Saftey_22 in an amount of \$8,600
 - 2023 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor - 1172 awarded to rhinoautogroup , in an amount of \$10,700
 - Plow Truck2016 Chevy Silverado - 6998 awarded to bodyman in an amount of 9,500
 - 1988 Sidewalk Plow SW-48 - 1059 awarded to arklite007, in an amount of \$4,950

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

OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A motion by Trustee Bojanowski, to approve a Local law to extend the moratorium on unnecessary tree trimming in the Village, seconded by Trustee Root, and duly put to a roll call vote, which resulted in the following:
 - Trustee Rabey - Aye
 - Trustee Cameron - Aye
 - Trustee Bojanowski – Aye
 - Trustee Kamp- Aye
 - Trustee Root- Aye
 - Mayor Wochensky – Aye
- Mayor Wochensky spoke about the agreement from NYSEG and said that the tree trim box was missing from the agreement. The Village Board discussed the tree trim box.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Wochensky reviewed a presentation titled Preserving what makes East Aurora Special. The presentation was about the Comprehensive Plan, Parks & Open Space, Supporting Local Businesses and the Greater Aurora Development Corporation.
 - Trustee Root noted that she sees how all of these are needed to function. Trustee Bojanowski asked about Joe McCann being a town resident and asked if it should be a Village resident. Mayor Wochensky said that he is open to suggestions. Trustee Kamp asked about the urgency and filings. Mayor Wochensky spoke about strengthening the grant applications with the items in the presentation and said this would be a key project. He said that funds from businesses could be used for beautification and that the urgency is that there are some buildings that are deteriorating. Eric Carlson talked about paperwork that needed to be completed. He said that he is looking into where the bank account is and who has access. Trustee Bojanowski asked if there would be issues when catching up on the paperwork. Mayor Wochensky reviewed the process. Trustee Kamp said that formalizing the Hamlin Park and Open Space committees will help improve the Village. Mayor Wochensky said that he wants to change directions to have a slightly different purpose. Trustee Cameron said that she wants to maintain the residents' ability to have their concerns addressed. She said that she is excited about updating the comprehensive plan and getting the GDAC back up and running. Mayor Wochensky spoke about meeting up with Victoria from the Chamber of Commerce and said that the most successful chambers have a connection to government. Trustee Rabey is concerned about the urgency but encouraged by the conversation.
 - A motion by Trustee Bojanowski to approve the amended bylaws for the GDAC, seconded by Trustee Kamp, and unanimously approved.
 - A motion by Trustee Kamp to approve the Certificate of Amendment for the GDAC, seconded by Trustee Cameron and unanimously approved.
 - A motion by Trustee Kamp, to appoint Eric Carlson to a one-year term from the date of appointment as the president of the GDAC, seconded by Trustee Bojanowski and unanimously approved.
 - A motion by Trustee Bojanowski to appoint Trustee Root and Trustee Kamp to a six-month term from the date of appointment to be on the Board of Directors for the GDAC, seconded by Trustee Cameron.

SPEAKERS & COMMUNICATIONS

- **Bob Gibson- Stonegate-** He asked if the Hamlin Park Permit for Church in the Park can be considered again at the next board meeting. Mayor Wochensky said that he would like to allow for public input, maybe have a mailer sent out to the houses around the park. He said that he will reach out with concerns to the applicant.

Department Head and Trustee Reports

General Foreman- He attended the rural water conference last week and has been working at the park this week. The crosswalk on South Grove and the Boys and Girls Club will continue. Milling will begin next week, and the streets list will be posted online, but it can change. He noted that flyers would be going out. They are fixing the plow and water damage.

Police Lieutenant- He said that the police department is getting ready for the Heart of Music Festival. He said that last year was much better than past years and working with other agencies and the help from the DPW made a big difference. He said that he can send the plan to the Mayor.

Planning Board- He said the 270 Quaker application is with the Village Board now. Mayor Wochensky thanked him for the work the Planning Board has done.

Village Engineer- He said that the Hamlin Park bathrooms have a few items left.

Code Enforcement Officer- She said that they are getting ready for the Heart of Music Festival and doing annual fire inspections. They will be doing occupancy checks. There was a spill event on Friday night at 635 Main St, police, fire, and DPW came. The DPW and Fire put an absorbent sock in the creek, and the DEC came out on Saturday.

HPC Chair- She said they have a meeting next week with the new demolition applications on the agenda. She spoke about upcoming grants and the comprehensive plan.

Trustee Cameron- Wished a happy new fiscal year to the Clerk-Treasurer

Trustee Root- She said that it's scoot around June, there is a QR code to scan, a raffle and you log your miles of walking and biking.

Trustee Bojanowski- He said that he is attending the Erie County Sewer District 8 meeting and that he attended the deer meeting with Trustee Kamp.

Trustee Kamp- He said that they met with the DEC to talk about how to control the deer population. The Bike Board meeting went well, and they are still working through their setup. He asked about potentially getting even-year election terms and asked to discuss different options further.

Trustee Rabey- none

Clerk-Treasurer- She said that we just started a new fiscal year and have begun tax collections. Look for your blue tax bills.

Mayor Wochensky- nothing additional

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

A motion by Trustee Kamp to open an executive session at 8:15pm for two personnel issues, seconded by Trustee Bojanowski, and unanimously approved.

A motion by Trustee Kamp to close the executive session at 8:51pm, seconded by Trustee Bojanowski, and unanimously approved

- A Motion by Trustee Rabey giving permission for the mayor or his designee to sign two Memoranda of Agreement with the PBA The foregoing motion was seconded by Trustee Root and unanimously approved.

- I, Mayor Wochensky, hereby appoint Jessica Tufte to the position of Village Administrator for a one-year term ending April 5, 2027, contingent upon her accepting the position.

Vote on Motion:

Trustee Cameron- Nay

Trustee Root - Aye

Trustee Bojanowski – Aye

Trustee Kamp- Aye

Trustee Rabey- Nay

Mayor Wochensky – Aye

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Bojanowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm, seconded by Trustee Kamp and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Jerackas
Village Clerk-Treasurer