

**VILLAGE OF EAST AURORA VILLAGE
BOARD MEETING
February 17, 2026 – 7:00 PM**

Present:

Trustee Lazickas
Trustee Cameron
Trustee Viger
Trustee Scheer
Trustee Flynn
Trustee Rabey
Mayor Mercurio (remotely)

Absent:

Also Present:

Maureen Jerackas, Clerk-Treasurer
Shane Krieger, Village Administrator
Police Lieutenant Bastine
Jeff Stoll, General Foreman
Elizabeth Cassidy, Code Enforcement Officer
Chris Trapp, Village Attorney
Melanie Walker, Deputy Clerk
9 Members of the public

A Motion by Trustee Rabey to approve the Village Board minutes for February 2, 2026, seconded by Trustee Lazickas and carried by unanimous approval.

A Motion by Trustee Cameron to approve the payment for the February 17, 2026 Abstract 2025/2026 fiscal year for a total of \$82,887.99, seconded by Trustee Flynn and carried by unanimous approval.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A Motion by Trustee Lazickas to Open a Public Hearing at 7:03 pm to approve a Special Use Permit for The Grove, 33 Elm St., Jeremy O'Brien, for a café, seconded by Trustee Lazickas and carried with unanimous approval.
A Motion by Trustee Lazickas to close the public hearing at 7:03 pm, seconded by Trustee Cameron, and carried with unanimous approval.

OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A motion by Trustee Lazickas, to approve the Special Use Permit for The Grove, 33 Elm St., Jeremy O'Brien, for a café, seconded by Trustee Rabey, and carried with unanimous approval.
- A motion by Trustee Rabey, to open the discussion on the application for 270 Buffalo Rd, Knox Mansion, as part of Stonegate, to consider making it a local landmark, seconded by Trustee Lazickas. Was not voted on

- Trustee Rabey said his understanding was that we were waiting for clarification on the expectations and responsibilities if we did make it a Local Landmark status from the homeowners.
- Trustee Flynn is not open to voting until that information is received.
- A motion by Trustee Lazickas to table the approval of the application for 270 Buffalo Rd., Knox Mansion, as part of Stonegate, to consider making it a local landmark, seconded by Trustee Flynn and carried with unanimous approval.
- A motion by Trustee Cameron, to appoint Amanda Fuhrmann to the position of Part-Time Account Clerk with a hire date of February 9, 2026, seconded by Trustee Rabey, and unanimously approved.
- A motion by Trustee Cameron, to set a Public Hearing on March 16, 2026, at the Village Board Meeting to consider a Moratorium on the development of any self-storage facilities, seconded by Trustee Viger, and unanimously approved.
- A motion by Trustee Cameron, to accept Bob Matthewson as the 3rd Assistant Chief of the East Aurora Fire Department, seconded by Trustee Lazickas, and unanimously approved.
 - Clerk-Treasurer Maureen Jerackas was told by the Fire Department that nobody had been elected to the 3rd Assistant Chief position. Bob Matthewson is in the 3rd Assistant Chief position until someone else is elected.

NEW BUSINESS

- Clerk-Treasurer Maureen Jerackas explained that we received a notice for Hop-n-Hemp. Liz Cassidy, of Code Enforcement, explained the Notification of Microbusiness for Hop-N-Hemp Inc., dba Buffalo Kind, 640 Main St., Lower, is a renewal of their license with no changes.
- Comprehensive plan priority discussion: Dale Morris, Dan Castle (who is only speaking for the Planning Commission), and Geoff Hintz came up to ask for feedback on the priorities in the Village for land use of industry or Senior housing from the Village Board.
- Mayor Mercurio announced Randy West (planning), Gary Kimmel-Hurt (zoning), Liz Cassidy (code), Shane Krieger, Village Administrator, Maureen Jeracks, Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Stoll, General Crew Chief, Village Trustees Kristin Cameron and Jeff Rabey, along with himself, to be on the committee for O Girard and O Bowen Rd feasibility study. Mayor Mercurio said they have the feasibility grant now. The next step would be to get the team together and get the scope of work for the committee from the application.

Speakers & Communications (II)

- Joe Young of Young Development, 1120 Bullis Road – He touched on the fact that the village's seniors would like to age in place, and he feels his project can be a place to do that.
- Tim Bojanowski, 121 N Willow – Asked about the Village's Comprehensive plan. Trustee Cameron said that the Village had adopted the Regional Comprehensive Plan, but the Town did not. She believes the town asked for the village's input on their plan.

Department Head and Trustee Reports

Police Lieutenant – none

General Foreman – Finished up snow removal and working on truck maintenance.

Code Enforcement Officer - none

Village Administrator - none

Village Clerk-Treasurer - Working on the budget and training the new hire.

Trustee Viger - none

Trustee Flynn - none

Trustee Rabey - none

Trustee Scheer - none

Trustee Cameron- none

Trustee Lazickas - none

Mayor Mercurio - none

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Rabey to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. Seconded by Trustee Lazickas and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Walker
Village Deputy Clerk