

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

January 19, 2010

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at 300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a work session.

Present:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Supervisor
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Susan Friess	Councilwoman
	James F. Collins	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Councilman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Bryan Smith	Town Engineer
	Patrick Blizniak	Supt. of Building
	Planning Board Members: Al Fontanese, Dick Glover, Jim Griffis, Bill Adams	
	Zoning Board Members: Al Salter, Jay Marshall, Don Aubrecht	
	Library Board Members: Deborah Carr Hoagland, Carol Griffis	

Supervisor Jeffe opened the work session at 7:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Board met to discuss the following:

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| Councilwoman Friess moved to amend the agenda to change item no. 9 to become item no. 1. Councilman Bach seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five | noes – none | Action #27<br>Work session agenda amended. |
| Motion carried.  |             |  |
- 1) Openers Grill – Liquor License Notification Waiver: The owner of Openers Grill, 7901 Seneca Street, East Aurora is requesting a waiver of the thirty (30) day notification period that is required when renewing a liquor license. His liquor license expired 12/31/09 and he has not been able to conduct business since that time. Notification of the intent to renew the license was received by the Town Clerk, via certified mail, on 12/23/09. Supervisor Jeffe stated she contacted Police Chief Krowka to see if there was any reason the Town should not consider this request. Chief Krowka responded that he knew of no problems.

Councilman Collins moved to approve the request to waive the thirty (30) day notification period required by Shawn Clawges, as owner of Openers Grill, 7901 Seneca Street, East Aurora, NY, to the Town of Aurora stating his intent to renew the liquor license for his establishment. Councilman Bach seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five	noes – none	Action #28 30-day liquor license notification for Openers Grill waived.
Motion carried.		
  - 2) SEQR – Patrick Blizniak compiled a notebook containing information on SEQR, Wind Energy, Open Development Area, Site Plan Review and Subdivisions for the Board to review. The Board will review these topics at a future work session.
  - 3) SMSI Update – Bryan Smith stated that SMSI project’s financial summary has been reviewed by the accounting firm of Drescher and Malecki, LLP. He then gave a recap of the project, noting that verbal notification on the extension of the grant until September 2010 had been received. The Board discussed putting the issue to a referendum. Supervisor Jeffe stated that a Board member’s vote to put the SMSI bond resolution to referendum does not necessarily mean their personal support is being given. Councilman Collins stated it will be the job of the SMSI committee to consider the timing and a communication plan.
  - 4) 1519 Quaker Road Open Development Area – The ODA application for this address was referred to the Planning Board, who in turn sent the plan to the Zoning Board of Appeals

to consider a variance for the width of the access easement. ZBA Chairman Don Aubrecht stated that there are currently three existing parcels between this property and Quaker Road. The gravel driveway that serves these properties and 1519 Quaker is not to ODA specifications. The current driveway is 15' wide and the easement is 25' wide. The ODA code requires the easement to be 50' and the driveway 20'. There is potential for a fifth lot behind the fourth. Mr. Aubrecht asked if the first three lots will be required to conform to the ODA code or just the fourth lot. Supervisor Jeffe stated there was no turn-around in the plan. Councilman Collins noted that Mr. Harlock, owner of 1519 Quaker, said that he would put a sprinkler system in the residence he proposes to build. Town Engineer, Bryan Smith, stated that he would have to prove there is enough water pressure to serve a sprinkler system. Planning Board member Jim Griffis asked if Mr. Harlock talked to the owners of the front parcels about widening the driveway. Jay Marshall, ZBA member, stated that they're not interested in doing so. Planning Board member Bill Adams stated that the Town's ODA law should be upheld. Supervisor Jeffe concurred with Mr. Adams. After further discussion it was recommended that the ZBA refer this matter back to the Town Board.

- 5) Bailey Road Windmill – Supervisor Jeffe stated that the Town does not currently have a wind energy conversion system code. Jeffe suggested a six month moratorium to give the Town enough time to develop a wind energy ordinance for the Town. Attorney Bennett stated that the ZBA will not be taking action on the application for a windmill that is before them at this time.
- 6) 686 Quaker Road-ODA/Minor Subdivision - Town Engineer Bryan Smith stated that Mr. Schneider is preparing a revised plan for the property. He will submit the revision, which will go to the Planning Board for their February meeting.
- 7) 44 Jewett Holmwood – The building on this Town property is currently being used to store miscellaneous highway equipment. Discussion has taken place regarding the possible sale of the property. An appraisal was done by Town Property Appraiser, Roger Pigeon. The property would have to be declared surplus, any roads on the property would have to be declared abandoned, a survey of the property would have to be done, and the Town would have to decide how to dispose of the property.
- 8) Insurance RFP – Councilman Collins stated that he is working to get requests for proposals for insurance coverage for the Town.
- 9) Cell Phone Policy – A proposal is before the Board to amend the current Cell Phone Policy to bring it into closer conformance with IRS guidelines that state any employee using a town issued cell phone who fails to document or highlight personal phone calls on the monthly bill will result in the value of all use, including monthly service charges and the fair market value of the cell phone, to be reported on Form W-2 as income to the employee.
- 10) Pension Reporting – Effective August 12, 2009, the law for pension reporting was changed to require each elected or appointed official to prepare a record of work-related activities (log) for three consecutive months within 150 days of the start of a new term or appointment if they are members of the NYS Retirement System and if they do not use the Town's time keeping system that shows actual hours worked.
- 11) Pay Rate for Secretary to the Supervisor – Supervisor Jeffe stated that the current rate will remain for now. Councilwoman Friess stated that all rates should be looked at during preparation for next year's budget.

- 12) Special Work Session – Supervisor Jeffe stated she would like to set a special work session for the Town Board to look at Town issues and develop a priority list and plan of attack. The special work session was set for Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., to be held in the Auditorium at 300 Glead Avenue.

Councilwoman Friess moved to amend tonight’s agenda by adding the topic of Planning Board Alternate Positions. Councilman Bach seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #29  
Agenda amended to add planning board alternate position to agenda

- 13) Planning Board Alternates – There are currently several vacancies for Alternate members to the Town Planning Board. Supervisor Jeffe has received several resumes from people interested in filling the slots. Jeffe noted that two Town Board members and Planning Board Chairman Don Owens will meet with the applicants and that the same questions will be asked of each applicant.

Councilwoman Friess moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Jeffe. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #30  
Work session adjourned.

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk