

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
July 17, 2012

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a work session.

Present:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Supervisor
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	James J. Bach	Councilman
	James F. Collins	Councilman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Bryan Smith	Town Engineer
	Patrick Blizniak	Superintendent of Building
	Charles Snyder	Planning Board
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Al Fontanese	Library Board
	George Oliver	Library Board
	Barbara Halt	Tax Receiver
	Libby Weberg	Village Trustee

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

- 1) EAUFSD - Agreement for use of Exercise Equipment:
Supervisor Jeffe stated that the East Aurora School District would like to have use of the exercise equipment currently in the Sneakers area at 300 Gleed. The EAUFSD would remove the equipment from Sneakers for use at the schools. The equipment would continue to be owned by the Town. This will be placed on the 7/23/12 agenda.
- 2) Griffins Mills Cemetery – Request for equipment and labor assistance:
The Griffins Mills Cemetery Board is requesting equipment and labor from the Town for road and tree maintenance at the cemetery on West Falls Road. General Municipal Law section 165-a, Voluntary municipal assistance to public cemetery corporation, states that any municipality may appropriate and provide funding, goods and/or services to a public cemetery corporation as defined in the not-for-profit corporation law.
Highway Superintendent Gunner asked if employees paid from the highway budget can legally do this, or does it need to be a general fund expense. Councilman Collins stated he will contact Mr. Gemerek from the cemetery board and to find out exactly how much assistance they are looking for.
- 3) Library Roof – Engineering Proposal:
The Town advertised for engineering proposals for reconstruction/renovation of the roof on the Aurora Town Library on Main Street. The following proposals were received:

Wm. Schutt & Associates	\$9,900 (lump sum)
Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc.	\$13,300 (hourly not-to-exceed)
TVGA Consultants	\$14,500 plus \$1500 printing, travel, etc.
CRA	\$8,500 (lump sum)
- 4) Tax Receiver/Town Clerk Consolidation:
The consolidation of the position of Receiver of Taxes and Town Clerk was discussed. The proposal is to abolish the position of Receiver of Taxes, giving the responsibility to the Town Clerk. This would require a public hearing, adoption of a local law and, in the event the local law is adopted, a proposition would appear on the November ballot. Councilwoman Friess stated that if approved by the voters, this would not go into effect until January 1, 2014. The proposal is to have an elected Town Clerk and two (2) full time deputies, resulting in an anticipated savings of \$17,106. Councilman Collins stated that the Board needs to do what is best for the town and the tax payers, and he needs more information before making a decision. Earl Jann, Aurora Republican Committee Chairman, suggested leaving the elected Tax Receiver position, giving that person more

responsibilities and having them work full time. The savings mentioned would come from the elimination of part time help. Bill Patterson, Grover Road, asked what monetary increase the Town Clerk would receive. Councilwoman Friess responded, none, since that person would still be supervising two people. Councilman Bach noted that the elimination of the Tax Receiver position would give the Town Clerk more responsibilities. Supervisor Jeffe stated that in order to have this proposal on the November 2012 ballot, the Board would have to call for a public hearing at the 7/23/12 meeting; hold a public hearing on 8/13/12; and consider the local law at the 8/27/12 meeting.

5) Gleed Renovation – Change Order:

When the openings for the doors for the historian and recreation offices were being cut-in, it was discovered that existing electrical wiring in the wall needed to be moved along with re-working several recessed lights and switches. This additional work requires a change order.

Councilman Harris moved to authorize Change Order No. 1 for Weydman Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$1,462.75 to complete the following work:

Add two switches and re-feed recessed light in historian area and recreation area, remove three recessed lights, re-feed receptacles in hall by café (bistro), remove wiring in panel outside café (bistro) and splice back together.

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Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

6) Climate Smart Communities:

Sandy and Gary, representatives for the League of Women Voters, were on hand to answer any questions the Board may have regarding their presentation on June 25th. Councilman Harris asked what the Town would be committing to if it adopted the Climate Smart Pledge. Sandy responded that the Town would need to set goals, develop a task force/committee, inventory emissions (fossil fuel usage), and then plug this information into selected software. Supervisor Jeffe asked Libby Weberg, Village Trustee, what the Village has done so far. She responded that they are currently gathering names for a committee.

7) Gleed – Lobby Display Proposal:

A draft proposal for a lobby display at 300 Gleed, including, but not limited to, bulletin board(s), tenant directory, town map, and building layout was presented to the Board.

8) National Fuel Well – Schopper Road:

Supervisor Jeffe noted that she met with National Fuel representatives regarding National Fuel drilling a new well in their gas storage field on Schopper Road. Residents in that area were notified about the project by National Fuel.

9) Recycle Bank Challenge:

Councilwoman Friess stated she is looking into getting more information out to Town residents regarding the recycling program. Councilman Collins suggested putting something in the Kiwanis, Rotary, etc., newsletters. Councilman Harris suggested a ½ page ad in the Pennysaver.

10) 44 Jewett Holmwood Road – update:

The Board is currently collecting information to have a sign made up and preparing information for distribution to anyone interested in submitting a (sealed) bid for the property.