

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
October 16, 2012

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, October 16, 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
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Peggy Cooke	Recreation Director

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) Reed Hill Subdivision Road Dedication:
Town Attorney Ron Bennett stated that the subdivision map filed with the Town is the offering. The road will be described by metes and bounds. Once the Town assumes title to the road, it also assumes maintenance. Town Engineer Bryan Smith stated that before the Town accepts the road the water line and drainage need to be completed as does a final inspection. The maintenance bond takes effect when the Town accepts the road. Highway Superintendent David Gunner stated that “Creekview”, the name of one of the streets in the subdivision, is too generic and there are already too many roads named Creekview in the area and he would prefer a different name. Peter Sorgi, attorney for the developer, noted that if the street name is changed, a new map cover would need to be filed with the Erie County Clerk.
- 2) Recreation Dept. - Request to purchase duplicator:
Peggy Cooke is requesting to purchase a new Gestetner Digital Duplicator from United Business Systems to replace the current duplicator that is about 20 years old. The purchase qualifies for a NYSERDA rebate that would reimburse the Town for 75% of the purchase price. Cooke noted that since the new duplicator can be used to print the Town newsletter along with the Town’s water quality reports and the recreation program flyers, the cost should be split between a recreation budget line and another budget line. This will be placed on the 10/22/12 agenda for consideration.
- 3) Aurora Town Library Construction Grant Amendment:
Library Board President Deborah Carr-Hoagland informed the Town that the NY State Library Construction grant (for roof repair) has been amended to include the (rear) porch restoration and replacement of two exterior doors. Bryan Smith noted that the roof over the porch is in good condition, but the concrete slab and support poles are in very bad condition. This will be placed on the 10/22/12 agenda for consideration.
- 4) Town Vehicle Use and Parking:
Supervisor Jeffe stated that previously the Board approved DCO Sheryl Harris parking the dog control truck at her home after hours and on weekends since there was no one else to respond to calls. Currently there is not an assistant DCO, therefore the DCO is still permitted to take the truck home until the end of this year when other arrangements will be made.
- 5) Community Development Block Grant:
Senior Center Director Donna Bodekor and grant writer Ann McDonnell have been working on a CDBG application for new exercise equipment and new carpeting for the Aurora Senior Center. A letter in support of the proposal was received from the Village of East Aurora. This will be placed on the 10/22/12 agenda for consideration.

- 6) Highway – Request to attend Pesticide Retraining Program:
Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting that the Board give approval for Mike Evens to attend a Pesticide Recertification program being held in Auburn, NY on October 18-19th.
Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize Town highway employee Mike Evens to attend a Pesticide Recertification program in Auburn, NY on October 18-19, 2012. The \$60 registration fee will be disbursed from A7189.444 Knox Field supplies. Mr. Evens is authorized to use a Town pickup truck to and from the seminar. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Action #366
M. Evens to attend pesticide recertification seminar.
Motion carried.
- 7) Knox Fields Temporary Use Permit:
Revive Lacrosse is requesting a permit to hold a lacrosse clinic on October 21, 2012 at the soccer field of Knox Farm State Park.
Councilman Harris moved to approve a temporary use permit for Revive Lacrosse to hold a youth girl’s lacrosse clinic from 12:30pm to 3:30pm on October 21, 2012 at the Knox Farm State Park soccer field. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none
Action #367
Temp. use permit for KFSP soccer field – lacrosse clinic
Motion carried.
- 8) Voting at Work Sessions:
Supervisor Jeffe noted that the Board had previously taken action authorizing Town Board action at work sessions during the town office renovation project. The Supervisor noted that she would like to go back to no voting/no action being taken at work sessions. After some discussion, the matter was left as is, with the Board being able to take action at work sessions if necessary.
- 9) In-house Dog Kennel vs. Outsourcing:
The Board discussed the possibility of finding a local kennel, veterinarian, or other location to house dogs that are picked up by the DCO rather than boarding them at kennels in the highway garage. Councilman Bach stated he would research to see if an alternate location is available and what the cost would be.
- 10) Majors Park tree planting:
Councilman Bach stated that a resident of Geneva Road is concerned that the entire area along the path and his back yard will be brush hogged to make room for the trees that will be planted. Peggy Cooke responded that only the areas where the trees will be planted will be cleared to facilitate the planting and that the Town will take out as little brush as possible. Also, several dead trees will have to be removed.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk