

May 8, 2018

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, May 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, New York.

Members Present:	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor

Others Present:	Tony Rosati	Zoning Board member
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	East Aurora Police Officers	

Supervisor Bach opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve a Temporary Use Permit for the East Aurora Baseball & Softball Association to have a food truck at their Pitch, Hit and Run event at Community Pool Park – 42 North Field on Friday May 11, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.	Action #124 Temp. use permit for food truck for baseball event aprvd.
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NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Bach stated that the agreement with the Village of East Aurora for police services for the period June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2023 would be discussed and voted on at this meeting. The Supervisor asked the Board members if they would like to comment on the agreement.

Councilman Snyder stated it is best for the community.

Councilwoman Friess stated that she and Councilwoman Jeffe worked on this for months, but discovered they had wasted a lot of time due to invalid date supplied by the previous Village administration. She noted that the Town was looking for a fixed-price contract as the Town's auditors looked at the agreement as being odd because of the percentage fee. The Village said no to a fixed-price contract. There is no public desire to terminate the contract. Councilwoman Friess stated she would vote yes, but the Village and the Police Department need to commit to reducing overhead and showing cost savings.

Councilwoman Jeffe stated she agrees with Councilwoman Friess in that the Town has zero issues with the work performed and with the personnel. She noted that it is a unique situation where a town contracts with a village for police protection. Councilwoman Jeffe stated the Town wanted a set-fee agreement with an escalation clause. The current agreement fee structure puts a strain on the Town's budget. Mrs. Jeffe noted there are several other financial impacts that she considered – the cost of the new fire hall, the purchase of a new fire truck, higher school taxes and the unknown cost of the new Town Hall. Councilwoman Jeffe stated she is unable to vote in favor of the agreement due to the structure of the agreement and the financial impact it will have.

Councilman Harris stated it is not about the police officers, but about the money and how the costs are determined. He noted that he waffled on this decision, but will vote yes.

Supervisor Bach stated this has been a long process. He thanked Councilwomen Friess and Jeffe for all the work they put in to this. Supervisor Bach noted that there were some incorrect numbers given at first, but now feels that the Town and Village are on the right track. It is a complicated contract, but is what is right for the entire community. He stated that future contracts should be looked at by an outside auditor or legal counsel. Supervisor Bach thanked acting Village Administrator Kim LaMarche for her help with this agreement.

Councilwoman Jeffe stated that she agrees that the relationship with the Village has improved. She noted that she is not voting against the police officers, she is voting against the structure of the agreement.

Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2018-2023 Agreement for Police Services with the Village of East Aurora. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – one (Jeffe) Motion carried.

Action #125
Supv auth to
sign 2018-2023
Police Svc
agreement

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #126
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk