

February 28, 2011

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, February 28, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, New York.

Members Present:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Supervisor
	James F. Collins	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Councilman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Bryan Smith	Town Engineer
	Patrick Blizniak	Supt. of Building
	David Gunner	Highway Supt.
	Peggy Cooke	Recreation Director
	Lisa Hoffman	Secretary to Supv.
	William Adams	Planning Board member

Supervisor Jeffe opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence in memory of John D. MacIver, retired police/fire dispatcher for the Town and Village.

Susan Johnson, Community Representative from Senator Gallivan's office, spoke to the Board about Senator Gallivan's position on the 2011 State budget and noted that she is waiting to hear from NYS Parks for any updates on Knox Farm State Park.

Supervisor Jeffe gave a brief recap of the 2/14/11 Town Board meeting and stated that the Board, in the near future, will be voting on a bond resolution to cover the cost of moving the town offices to 300 Gleed. A mandatory referendum on the bond resolution is being recommended.

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011 Town Board meeting; seconded by Councilman Harris. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five	noes – none	Motion carried.	Action #49 2/14/11 meeting minutes aprvd
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#### BUSINESS FROM AUDIENCE I:

Melissa Dispenza, Quaker Road, expressed concerns about the possibility of a sidewalk being built in front of her home. She noted that there is a slope and a set of concrete stairs to contend with. Ms. Dispenza also noted her concern about drainage issues in the proposed Reed Hill Subdivision.

Charles Snyder, Snyder Road, commended the Board on the Gleed refinancing resolution. Mr. Snyder also stated that the suggestion to use the mansion at Knox Farm State Park for town offices is not a good one – the Town would end up renovating a 90-year old building that it would not own.

Ron Solem, Boies Road, stated that when employees retire from the Town, any stipends should retire with them and all stipends should be done away with.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Town Hall discussion: Supervisor Jeffe stated she supports a mandatory referendum (approximately \$1mil) to move the Town offices to Gleed Ave.

Councilman Harris stated that the Town Board will have to present the facts.

Councilwoman Friess noted that this Board has done its due diligence and the move to Gleed will result in a 4% tax increase, less than any other proposal.

Councilman Bach stated that the refinancing of Gleed is a financial necessity.

Councilman Collins stated that a mandatory referendum on a bond resolution for the cost of moving the town offices to Gleed was always a given.

Supervisor Jeffe stated that she hopes to have the bond resolution ready for the 3/14/11 meeting.

Councilman Collins moved that the Town Board supports holding a mandatory referendum on a bond resolution for the monies to move the town offices to 300 Glead Ave. Councilman Bach seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #50  
Board supports mandatory referendum for “move to” Glead bond.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Friess moved to reschedule the 3/1/11 work session to 2/28/11, to be held after the regular meeting. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #51  
3/1/11 work session reschedule to 2/28/11

COMMUNICATIONS: none

BUSINESS FROM AUDIENCE II:

John Hughes, Blakeley Road, commented on the Glead rent rates, noting that they range from \$0.25 to \$1.63 per square foot. He wants the Board to be sure the Town is getting market value for the leased space.

Councilman Harris state that the Town is looking at the leases and will “tweak” them in the future, but we have to do what the market will bear.

Al Salter, Underhill Road, said he firmly agrees that the Glead building will make a great Town Hall and suggested that prior to the referendum, a PR group should prepare a concise, to the point mailing.

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF:

Supervisor Jeffe noted that she received numerous complimentary comments on the Town newsletter that was recently mailed to all Town residents.

Patrick Blizniak stated that the Kiwanis are holding their “world’s biggest fish fry” on 3/4/11 and invited all to attend.

The February 28, 2011 “2010 Encumbered” Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers numbered 2531 to 2532, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$500.00
Trust & Agency 2	<u>425.64</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$925.64

The February 28, 2011 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers numbered 252 to 347, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 45,114.93
Part Town	27.72
Highway	20,954.28
Enterprise/Glead	9,438.20
Trust & Agency	418,265.50
Special Districts	<u>49,982.17</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$543,782.80

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the February 28, 2011 “2010 Encumbered” and the February 28, 2011 Abstracts of Claims as presented and to authorize payment of same. Councilman Bach seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #52  
2/28/11  
Abstracts of Claims (2) approved.

Having no further business to discuss at the regular meeting, the Board began their work session.