

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

September 20, 2011

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 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 Friess	Councilwoman
	James J. Bach	Councilman
	James F. Collins	Councilman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Peggy Cooke	Recreation Director
	Patrick Blizniak	Supt. of Building
	Ron Krowka	Chief of Police
	Greg Keyser	CRA Engineering
	Roger LeBlanc	EA Fire Chief
	Craig Thrasher	EAFD

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) East Aurora Fire Department:  
Roger LeBlanc and Craig Thrasher spoke to the Board about their search for a new location for the East Aurora Fire Hall. They noted that even though there is opposition to the Whaley Ave. location, they have not given up on that site, but at the same time are continuing to look at other sites. According to Mr. Thrasher, the ideal site would consist of approximately two acres with 200-250 feet of frontage.
- 2) Major Park Fence Proposal:  
Peggy Cooke described the South Street pedestrian entrance to Major Park, noting that it is a narrow area adjacent to several homes. Some of the homeowners are displeased with people walking so close to their homes and having access to their back yards. Mrs. Cooke stated that due to the State funding received for the park, this entrance can not be closed off. She is proposing a privacy fence ranging from six to eight feet in height be constructed along this area. Cooke stated that a fence was not part of the grant.
- 3) Recreation Request to Hire Non-Resident EAST Coach:  
Peggy Cooke stated that she has been advertising on a website specializing in swim coaches for an EAST Coach. The one response received was from a non-resident who has coaching experience and will work the two hour shift, five nights per week. This will be placed on the 9/26/11 meeting agenda.
- 4) Recreation – Baseball Diamond Proposal for Gleed Avenue:  
Peggy Cooke presented a plan showing 6 or 7 baseball diamonds in the “backyard” area at 300 Gleed. There are currently two diamonds at that location. The Town baseball program would continue to use the baseball diamonds at Hamlin Park, EA High School and other school fields in addition to the new diamonds. The men’s league has expanded use at West Falls Park. Supervisor Jeffe asked Mrs. Cooke to work out a phased plan for the construction of the proposed diamonds and to work with David Gunner to get a realistic timeline and budget. Peggy Cooke stated that Town Baseball Commissioner Joe Orłowski has been fundraising for this project.
- 5) Reed Hill Subdivision – Final Plat:  
Bob Hill - project developer, and Peter Sorgi – project manager, were present to answer any questions about their final plat presentation for the Reed Hill Subdivision. There is a public hearing on the Final Plat scheduled for 9/26/11 at 7:00 p.m. Discussion included:

- Deed restriction wording – Should the deed restriction for the properties abutting Cazenovia Creek include wording that there is a no-build zone from the top of the bank to the creek or is the current wording sufficient?
  - Sidewalk –Planning Board suggested a sidewalk along Rte. 20A from Commerce Way to the subdivision. Mr. Sorgi stated that the size of the right-of-way in that area probably would not be sufficient for a sidewalk. Supervisor Jeffe asked if a sidewalk from the subdivision to Commerce Way, via an easement, similar to the sidewalk that connects Maple Terrace to North Street, could be considered.
- 6) Aurora Arsenal Soccer Agreement Amendment:  
In 2007, the Town entered into an agreement with the Aurora Arsenal Soccer Club, Inc., whereby the soccer club has use of the Knox Farm State Park soccer fields. An amendment to the agreement will cover use of the polo field for specific soccer games and practices and will address funds to be paid by Arsenal's to the Town for maintenance, equipment, etc. for the fields. This will be on the 9/26/11 meeting agenda.
- 7) Police Services Agreement – Amendment of amount owed to Village for 2010-11:  
An amendment to the Police Services Agreement between the Town and Village of East Aurora is being proposed, whereby the Village will accept \$1,480,000 for services rendered during the term of 2010-11. This will be on the 9/26/11 meeting agenda.
- 8) Main Street Library Roof Reconstruction:  
Supervisor Jeffe stated that the roof at the Main Street Library is in need of repair. The flat roof area has several “spongy” areas due to leaks. The Town and Library will apply for a grant to help cover the cost. Three informal quotes were received, ranging from approximately \$129,000 to \$230,000. This will be reviewed further by the Town Engineer.
- 9) Wales Compressor Station:  
The Town of Wales is holding a public hearing on 9/27/11 in regard to an application by National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation to construct and operate a new natural gas compressor station on Reiter Road (Wales side).
- 10) Network Services Agreement:  
The Town has been contracting with Network Services, LLC to provide on-site labor support for computer hardware and software related issues. They have provided a copy of the 2012 proposed agreement for Board review. Councilman Collins stated he would like to get quotes from other companies for comparison purposes.
- 11) Clerk of the Works – Glead Renovation & Improvements:  
There is a proposal to hire Richard Glover to act as a Clerk of the Works for the Glead Avenue renovation project. Mr. Glover previously served as the Town’s representative and project coordinator for the Aurora Senior Center reconstruction project. This will be discussed further to ensure the agreement does not interfere with any provisions of the Engineering/Architect agreement already in place.
- 12) Glead Plans:  
Supervisor Jeffe stated she has the updated floor plans for the Glead facility renovation and will review them with department heads.
- 13) Highway:  
Highway Department Liaisons Jim Bach and Sue Friess will consult with Highway Superintendent Gunner regarding the NYS Department of Labor (NYSDOL) inspection that resulted in a Notice of Violation and Order to Comply. The inspection took place from 8/16/11 – 9/8/11. Supervisor Jeffe noted that the Town Hall received a violation notice for two electrical plug issues that have since been rectified and re-inspected by the NYSDOL.