

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
May 16, 2017

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Southside Municipal Center Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a work session:

Present:	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	Kathleen Moffat	Assistant to Supervisor
	Donald Owens	Planning Board Chairman
	Camie Jarrell	GHD/Engineer

Supervisor Bach led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) Cazenovia Creek blockage update:

Don Owens gave a synopsis of the Cazenovia Creek situation in the area north of Blakeley Road to Center Street. Mr. Owens noted that the area is very flat and that sedimentation, erosion and clogs are not uncommon. The Planning Board recently made a site visit to the Creek where it runs through Major Park. Mr. Owens stated that due to the topography, type of soil and species of trees along the banks, this area will always have blockage and the blockages in this area do not cause water to back up. The water will find another way around the blockage. Mr. Owens stated that cleaning out the blockage would not affect the flooding in the Blakeley/Olean area. He suggested that the Erie County Soil Conservation district may provide help and guidance and might even know if funding is available to clean up the debris from the creek. Mr. Owens stated that if the blockage was removed, sediment would be carried downstream toward the dam at the American Legion and that would cause problems.

Highway Superintendent Gunner questioned whether or not the Army Corp could possibly dredge the dam area near the Legion.

Supervisor Bach and Mr. Owens will schedule a meeting with Mark Gaston from Erie County Soil Conservation to discuss the situation and possible remedies.

Councilwoman Jeffe suggested removing the blockage this year and re-evaluating the situation next year. She noted that it would be nice to have the creek cleared for people to canoe and kayak.

2) Financial Analysis proposal:

Jeff Smith of Municipal Solutions suggested that the Town Board meet with Garrett MacDonald, Vice President of 3+1, to discuss the Town's funds and maximizing yields. Mr. MacDonald stated that 3+1 is a data firm from Pittsford, NY. They are not an investment company or a bank. 3+1 evaluates funds, develops investment and liquidity strategy. They work with the public sector only, usually counties. Mr. MacDonald stated that they would look at 12 months of the Town's bank statements and analyze transactions. In addition to bank statements, they would need to see the Town's CAFR and budget. It usually takes 4-7 weeks to prepare the analysis. He noted that there are numerous restrictions regarding public funds. Mr. MacDonald stated the initial one-time fee is \$9900. He noted that they normally do not deal with Town's our size, but Jeff Smith asked him to consider it.

3) Waste Management Request re: garbage/recycling pickup:

At the April work session, John Palmerton, Waste Management Senior Operations Manager, submitted a request to change the garbage/recycling days for several roads in the Town

and to use split-body trucks, which are trucks that hold recycling and garbage. The Town's contract with Waste Management states that a truck, separate from the compactor truck, will be used to collect recycling. The contract also states that any changes to the routes will be agreed upon by the Town and contractor and if the contractor intends to modify the route schedule, they must provide public notice at least 30 days prior to the change. Waste Management prepared a contract amendment proposal. After the Board looked at the amendment, Supervisor Bach stated this would be placed on the 5/22/17 meeting agenda for consideration.

4) Concession Stand Agreement – The Town contracts with Pizza DelAureo's to operate the concession stand that is set up at Community Pool Park baseball diamonds. The Town receives a percentage of the net income. The contract usually goes into effect May 1 of each year, but this year the Board was waiting for proof of insurance from the concessionaire. That proof was received recently.

Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Pizza DelAureo's (Kathleen Aures) whereby DelAureo's will operate a concession stand at Community Pool Park from May 1-September 1, 2017. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five                      noes – none                      Motion carried.

Action #162  
Supv auth to  
sign Pizza  
DelAureo  
concession  
stand agrmt

5) Budget Amendment:

In a memo to the Town Board, Kathleen Moffat is requesting that the Board authorize an amendment to the operating budget to properly record medical insurance reimbursement to the Highway Superintendent. This will be placed on the 5/22/17 meeting agenda for consideration.

6) Blakeley Road ODA:

Ben Woods was present to discuss his ODA proposal to build a home on a "flag lot" on Blakeley Road. Bill Kramer outlined his concerns and questions in a memo to the Town Board. Councilman Snyder stated that a survey, drawn to scale, with the house located on it, done by a surveyor was needed. Mr. Snyder thought that the existing driveways off the easement could be used for the required bump-outs and he mentioned that a residential sprinkler system needs to be installed if the residence is over 750 feet from Blakeley Road. Several Board members felt this was a single lot ODA and did not need to be sent to the Planning Board.

7) Ellis Drive ODA:

David Fatta was present to discuss his ODA proposal to build a home on a "flag lot" at the end of Ellis Drive. Councilwoman Jeffe stated that Mr. Fatta will need to provide a to-scale survey or plan, not just a hand drawn depiction. Councilman Snyder noted that the frontage is only 25' and 50' is required. Fire protection was discussed and the fact that the current pond is not sufficient.

8) Special Use Permit – Cook Road kennel request:

Robert Weiner, representing Joseph Weiner, is requesting a permit to have a dog kennel at 361 Cook Road. Robert is proposing to operate the five-dog kennel to train dogs that will specialize in detection dogs or K-9 dogs for law enforcement and other government agencies. The request was initially processed as an application to the Zoning Board of Appeals, but after review it was determined that this would be a business and would come under the jurisdiction of the Town Board. Mr. Weiner will be asked to complete a new application form and this request will be discussed at the June work session.

9) Aurora Mill Cluster Subdivision:

Gary Eckis stated that they have taken into consideration the concerns and requests from the Town Board regarding:

1) Conservation easement – Their attorney, Peter Sorgi, is drafting a conservation easement for this Board to consider.

2) Lighting – The lighting plan for the subdivision is being finalized and will be included in the final plan packet.

3) Road Specs – Mr. Eckis stated that they would build the road according to the Town specs as far as the pavement and base. The width of the pavement would still be 24' with 2' gutters.

4) Landscaping – Mr. Eckis stated they are still working on the planting schedule and plan and it will be included in the final plat plan packet.

5) Lot setbacks - The Board and Mr. Eckis discussed the front and rear yard setbacks and the building envelope size. Mr. Eckis stated that the setbacks in the final plat are the same setbacks that have been on the plans from the onset. Councilman Snyder stated that we didn't catch the setbacks. Mr. Eckis noted that it is not a simple fix to change the setbacks on the lots as it will change the entire development. He said that they need the building envelope size they are requesting to accommodate the house plans they want to offer prospective buyers. Councilwoman Jeffe stated she thinks the proposed houses are quite large for the lots. When asked by Supervisor Bach what the projected cost was for a house in this development, Mr. Eckis responded he did not know. Mr. Eckis stated they are asking for "mercy" on the setback situation.

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk