

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

August 21, 2012

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, August 21, 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 Jeffe Susan Friess James J. Bach James F. Collins Jeffrey T. Harris	Supervisor Councilwoman Councilman Councilman Councilman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett Barb Halt Patrick Blizniak Dave Gunner	Town Attorney Receiver of Taxes Director of Building Superintendent of Highways
Excused/Absent	Bryan Smith	Town Engineer

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. Letter to Wendt Foundation re: Extended use of storage space at 5 South Grove Street. Supervisor Jeffe sent M. Augat a formal letter stating that we will be vacating the building late September or early October and that the building should be completely vacated by the end of 2012. She has asked that we continue to use the vault storage area and print shop for record storage until we have completed the next phase of the project for long term storage. Supervisor Jeffe will follow up with M. Augat in a month if she has not heard from her.

Councilman Collins suggested insurance for long term storage not structural coverage. Badger & Gunner Insurance should be notified of the change.

2. Griffins Mills Cemetery – request for assistance with maintenance update. The Cemetery Board would like the Highway truck to pick up debris that they have removed from the grounds. Highway Superintendent David Gunner asked that they put the debris by the road and call the highway department and it will be picked up.
3. Majors Park Grant update: an extension to the grant was applied for to erect a fence, both the fence and the extension were denied. Peggy Cook and Grant Writer Ann McDonnell will need to work together to closeout the grant of about \$19,000.

Other ideas for a natural tree fence were discussed. David Gunner said that Murray's Nursery is willing to trade trees for leaves collected this fall.

The trail signs that were recently installed have been taken down by vandals and they have subsequently disappeared.

4. Beech Road – request for out-of-district water customer status – they must go through the village. It will be on the 8/27 agenda for a vote.
5. Falls Road – request for out-of-district water customer status – Water District #18 this will be on the 8/27 agenda for a vote.
6. South Herrick Road – request for out-of-district water customer status – Elma water district, a resolution needs to be drafted. The agreement will have the standard changes made. This will be on the 8/27 agenda.

7. Banks as depositories – Barb Halt Receiver of taxes recommended amending the list of bank depositories by removing HSBC and include Five Star, First Niagara, Bank of Holland, JP Morgan, Key Bank, M&T Bank, and Bank of America.

Councilman Bach moved to amend the list of bank depositories to: Action #287  
Five Star, First Niagara, Bank of Holland, JP Morgan, Key Bank, Amend list of  
M&T and Bank of America; seconded by Councilwoman Friess. bank depositories  
Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

8. Scenic By-way Sign – review draft, the wording on the pamphlet regarding the Mill Road overlook needs to be re-worded as the land transfer has not been completed as of date. All board members agree with drawing and placement of the West Falls Dam Site sign.
9. Local Law – Tax Receiver Position, Craig Thrasher now has a better understanding of the job elimination slated for 1/2014. Supervisor Jeffe went on to explain that it will be a tough year financially and we have to all do our part to keep costs down, cut back/consolidate where we can. This will be placed on the 8/27 agenda.
10. 44 Jewett Holmwood property sale – update, the Town Clerk downloaded a bid form as a sample to work from. Supervisor Jeffe will go over changes to the form with the Town Attorney. There was a question about the earnest money on all sealed bids, this will be further explained. Councilman Bach is working on the sale sign.

Superintendent of Highways David Gunner recommended abandoning the road at 44 Jewett Holmwood, and pull up the pavement, which would increase the value of the property. He also stated that he would need a copy of the survey for the property description. The board should adopt a resolution so the road can be abandoned. To be placed on the 9/10 agenda.

11. Proposed Town Code re: Recreation Vehicle Storage, Superintendent of Building presented a copy of the code on Mobile homes which he made few changes to and explained that more needs to be done. Councilman Collins recommended that if you are going to make any changes you might as will cover all the trailers, campers, RV, boats, etc. Councilman Collins will work with Pat Blizniak to redefine the new code. Tony Rosati has agreed to help as he has lived in many communities.
12. Teller Pedestals – Tax Receiver/Town Clerk office at Gleed. Cost not to exceed \$3000. Would like to order so they will be available at the time of the move. To be placed on the 8/27/agenda.
13. Signs for 300 Gleed, Bryan Smith is working with quotes for additional signage. So far parking lot sign, building signs (interior and exterior) – can change as tenants change. Doors will be numbered for ease in directing people. Directional signs in the village need to be discussed with the mayor.

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