

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
December 21, 2010

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a work session:

Present:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Supervisor
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	James J. Bach	Councilman
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	James F. Collins	Councilman
Others Present:	Ronald P. Bennett	Town Attorney
	Bryan Smith	Town Engineer
	Patrick Blizniak	Superintendent of Building
	Jeffrey Markello	Town Justice

Supervisor Jeffe opened the work session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. Mill Road Open Space Project Outline – tabled
2. Medical Insurance Benefits for Part Time Elected Officials:

The Town Board has proposed eliminating health insurance benefits for part-time elected officials (Town Justices, Tax Receiver, and Supervisor) at the end of their current terms. Town Justice Jeff Markello spoke to the Board about his role as town justice and why health insurance benefits should not be eliminated for this position and other part-time elected positions.

Councilman Harris stated that the Councilmen/women do not receive benefits, nor do other non-elected part-time town employees.

Councilwoman Friess noted that we can't distinguish between part-time regular employees and part-time elected employees and need to be consistent with no benefits for any part-time employees. She added that full-time benefits for part-time employees needs to stop.
3. Recreation Department On-line Registration – tabled
4. Court Room Rental Agreement:

The Town currently uses space in East Aurora Village Hall for court purposes. The proposed agreement would have the Town paying \$11.50 per square foot for areas used exclusively by the court and \$6.00 per square foot for areas of shared use (bathrooms, meeting room). The annual total for these areas would be \$21,016.50. A paragraph was inserted in the agreement by the Village calling for the Town to pay an additional amount per calendar year in the event that specific operating expenses incurred by the Village increase 20% or greater than those incurred in the calendar year immediately preceding the commencement of this agreement. Board members did not feel this should be in agreement as written, noting it was too vague and could cover a multitude of expenses.
5. Capital Needs Assessment Report for 300 Gleed Avenue:

Town Engineer Bryan Smith spoke about the Draft Capital Needs Assessment Report that has been submitted by CRA for the Town-owned building at 300 Gleed Avenue. He noted that everything in the building is serviceable, but some areas do need upgrading. Smith stated that lead paint is not addressed in the report, but if any parts of the building were to be renovated a lead paint analysis would have to be conducted in those areas.

Supervisor Jeffe stated she and others had met with Municipal Solutions regarding financing and she is concerned with cash flow.

Councilwoman Friess stated that there is a revenue stream being generated by tenants in the building.

The draft report is available for review at the Town Clerk's office.

6. A. Local Law re: Political Signs:

The Town Attorney will research and draft a local law regarding political signs (size, amount of time they can be up, etc.).

B. Open Development Area Local Law:

The Supervisor, Town Clerk, Planning Board Chairman and Building Department representatives met earlier this month to review proposed changes to the Town's Open Development Area Code. A draft of the code with the changes was given to the Board. The Supervisor asked that they review the document and offer comments.

C. Subdivision Code Definitions and Other Changes:

The group listed above also reviewed the Town's Subdivision Code and offered that the definitions for minor and major subdivision be eliminated since they only add a layer of confusion to the code. Another proposed change would be an increase in the number of copies of documents that the developer needs to submit.

D. Zone Permit:

Superintendent of Building, Patrick Blizniak, is suggesting that the Town include "Zoning Verification Permit" in Chapter 44 of the Town Code. The permit would be used for buildings in Agricultural Zones that under NYS Building Codes are exempt from requiring a building permit.

7. Construction and Maintenance of Sidewalks:

The Town Attorney was asked to prepare a Local Law regarding construction and maintenance of sidewalks in the Town.

8. Building Permit Fees:

Patrick Blizniak presented proposed building permit fee increases to the Board. Councilman Harris stated he is in agreement with all of the fees except the one for outside storage of an antique car, he believes the fee is too high.

9. Jewett Holmwood Road Property (Town owned property at 44 Jewett Holmwood Rd.):

The Board discussed the possible sale of Town owned property at 44 Jewett Holmwood Road. A survey of the property was prepared by James Shisler, Land Surveyor. The Board discussed whether there was sufficient open area for someone to build on the lot.

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk