

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
November 20, 2012

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, November 20, 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 M. Jeffe	Supervisor
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	James J. Bach	Councilman
	James F. Collins	Councilman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Bryan Smith	Town Engineer
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Patrick Blizniak	Superintendent of Building

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) New Wave Energy presentation:

Representatives from New Wave Energy Corporation spoke to the Board about how their company can save the Town money on electric and gas bills. They propose consolidated billing and recommend the variable rate program. Delivery would remain with NYSEG and National Fuel. New Wave proposes to be the supplier. The contract length is 36 months, but that can be adjusted to 24 months. After 36 months the rates are re-evaluated. New Wave anticipates an annual savings of up to \$14,000.

2) Proposed Recreation Vehicle Code:

Patrick Blizniak presented a draft of amended Town Code 116-36 B. The new code would prohibit storage of any recreation vehicle, camping or travel trailer within 10 feet of any side yard lot line; within 50 feet of the road right-of-way; within 50 feet of any rear yard lot line; and within 45 feet of the right-of-way of any side street on a corner lot.

3) Lease with Wendt Foundation for storage at 5 So. Grove St.:

Supervisor Jeffe had previously asked the Wendt Foundation if the Town could continue to use the vault and print shop area at 5 South Grove Street for storage of Town records. Wendt Foundation trustee, Robert Kresse, responded that the Town could continue to use the space, but a formal agreement needs to be drawn up.

4) Water Service to 3 homes on Davis Road:

Town Engineer Bryan Smith spoke to the Board about three homes on Davis Road that receive water service from a single service line that runs behind the houses. This past summer the residents experienced low water pressure. The proposed "fix" would be to allow these properties to tap into the Water District 10 extension 5 waterline that runs along Davis Road. After some discussion, it was determined that two of the parcels are in Water District 10 (WD10) and the third is an out-of-district customer to WD10. Mr. Smith recommends more research be done on this.

5) Budget Transfers:

Supervisor Jeffe spoke to the Board about the current budget transfer policy, noting that department heads can transfer funds up to \$750 between budget lines that are within their responsibility. Mrs. Jeffe asked the Board if they want to continue to approve all budget transfers from the Contingency account to other accounts. The response was, yes, they want to continue to approve these transfers.

6) Emergency Generators:

Highway Superintendent David Gunner stated that there are two (2) permanently mounted generators at the highway department. One is at the garage building and one at the parks/maintenance/office building. Both are in good condition. The Town also has one (1) portable generator. Bryan Smith noted that the Aurora Senior Center is a designated emergency site for the Town and in the case of an emergency, it should be functional during and after the local emergency. The Castle Hill Pump Station (CHPS) supplies water to Water Improvement Area No. 7 and Water District No. 11, including fire flow. When the power goes out, the pumps at this location do not operate. He stated that a dedicated generator is needed at the CHPS. The estimated cost is \$75,000 to \$80,000. A dedicated generator for the Senior Center would cost around \$85,000. (Both estimates include the generator, pad and other electrical, and engineering and contingency costs.)

Councilwoman Friess asked if the Senior Center is the right place to have an emergency site or would the Southside Municipal Center (SMC) be a better choice? Bryan Smith responded that the generator currently at the SMC is not large enough. Since the Senior Center building is owned by the Village, putting a new generator at the SMC might be a feasible idea.

7) Water Meters:

Highway Superintendent David Gunner stated there are 660 water customers served through Town operated districts and that many of the water meters are 18-20 years old. A proposal is to replace the existing meters with radio-read meters. The Board noted that it would need to see all the costs involved before they could consider the proposal.

8) Weekend Dog Boarding:

Highway Superintendent David Gunner noted that he has found someone in the Town of Holland who will board, on weekends, any dogs that the Town picks up for a fee of \$75 per month. The Town would continue to board dogs during the week. Councilman Collins asked if a contract would be required and noted that insurance also needs to be addressed.

9) Majors Park Grant Audit:

The auditing firm of Drescher & Malecki, LLP presented a proposal for the audit and report on the Town's statement of contract revenues and expenditures on the Majors Park (pathway) project pursuant to NYS contract number C540115 and NYS grant project number EPF 540115. The cost would not exceed \$5,500. Supervisor Jeffe noted that funds for the audit are included in the grant monies.

10) New East Aurora Fire Hall:

Fire Chief Roger LeBlanc is asking for a representative from the Town Board to serve on a committee for the façade of the new fire hall. Councilman Harris stated he would like to serve on the committee.

11) Christmas Eve:

The Board discussed setting hours of operation for the Town Hall offices from 8:30a.m to 1:00p.m. on December 24, 2012.

12) DCO and Historian Office phones:

Since the Dog Control phone number (652-7944) is no longer needed by dog control, the Board discussed “swapping” it with the new historian phone number (714-9597).

13) Directional Signs to 300 Gleed/SMC:

The Village Board approved the placement of directional signs indicating where the Town offices are now located. The Town will purchase the signs and the Village DPW will put them up.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk