

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

June 21, 2011

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, June 21, 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 Jeffrey T. Harris Susan Friess James J. Bach	Supervisor Councilman Councilwoman Councilman
Absent/Excused:	James F. Collins	Councilman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett Bryan Smith Patrick Blizniak	Town Attorney Town Engineer Supt. 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) Dwelling Group Request – Blakeley Road:
Charles Weeks, owner of two adjacent parcels on Blakeley Road is requesting permission for a dwelling group at 2021 Blakeley Road (SBL#188.00-4-5). There is currently an existing farm house and farm buildings on the 54.4 acre parcel. Mr. Weeks stated there is a potential buyer for this parcel and they want to build a second residence on it. Before they purchase the property, they want to be sure they can do this. Mr. Weeks presented a survey, aerial photos and plot plan of the parcel, along with information on an adjacent piece of property he will add to the parcel in order to have sufficient frontage if the parcel were to be split. Mr. Weeks noted there a guardrail along a portion of the frontage and that he spoke with the Erie County Highway department and was told that the guardrail could not be moved nor could it be cut for a driveway entrance. The Board and Supt. of Building discussed setbacks and various ways that the property could be split. This will be placed on the June 27, 2011 meeting agenda.

- 2) Gleed HVAC Bids:
A bid opening was held on June 15, 2011 for the replacement of up to four (4) HVAC rooftop units at 300 Gleed. Three companies submitted sealed bids:

BIDDER	BASE BID	ALTERNATE 1	ALTERNATE 2
D. V. Brown & Assoc., Inc. 567 Vickers Street Tonawanda, NY 14150	\$24,910	\$13,431	\$10,160
Mollenberg-Betz, Inc. 300 Scott Street Buffalo, NY 14204	\$35,095	\$16,418	\$14,015
Tri-R Mechanical Services 25 Ransier Drive West Seneca, NY 14224	\$23,332	\$11,135	\$8,815

Town Engineer Bryan Smith stated he reviewed the bid proposals and the low bid is okay. This will be placed on the June 27, 2011 meeting agenda.

- 3) Improvements to Windham Professionals office space:
Windham Professionals (lessee at 300 Glead) is requesting permission to remodel a portion of the office space they occupy. The plans are to modify the mail room into a reception and multi-use work station area and to add a break room for employees. The walls being erected are not permanent. Patrick Blizniak, Supt. of Building, stated that any electrical work performed will need to be inspected by a licensed, professional inspector. This will be placed on the June 27, 2011 meeting agenda.

- 4) Aurora Arsenal Agreement:
In September 2007 the Town of Aurora and the Aurora Arsenal Soccer Club, Inc. entered into an agreement whereby the Arsenal would have use of the soccer fields at Knox Farm State Park. The Town recently entered into an agreement with NY State whereby the Town will maintain the soccer, polo and equestrian fields at the state park on the south side of Knox Road. This new agreement between the Town and Arsenal would address the amount of compensation the Arsenal will pay the Town towards maintenance and would be in addition to the existing agreement. This will be placed on the June 27, 2011 meeting agenda.

- 5) Website Administration:
Supervisor Jeffe noted that she will soon be interviewing people for the Secretary to Supervisor position, but currently none of the applicants have strong, if any, website experience. Jeffe suggested appointing Town Historian Rob Goller to the position of website administrator with a stipend of approximately \$2500 per year. The Supervisor noted that Rob has strong experience in working with websites and Publisher software. This will be placed on the June 27, 2011 meeting agenda.

- 6) Library Update:
Supervisor Jeffe noted that last Friday Erie County Executive Chris Collins held a conference call to inform the Supervisors in towns having public libraries that he is proposing several changes. The proposal is for the towns to assume the cost of utilities, interior and exterior maintenance (including cleaning), and other items that the County currently pays for. Jeffe noted that the cost to the Town would be approximately \$47,000 which equates to a 3% tax increase in the General Fund. Town Attorney Ron Bennett stated that the County is looking to create a taxing district and that would have one library board overseeing the entire county library system. He noted that this is a work in progress.
Supervisor Jeffe stated that during the conference call she told the County Executive that the Aurora library is used by residents of many communities that do not have public libraries.
Town resident, Bill Patterson of Grover Road, asked if there was any way we could find out who uses the Aurora library, namely what towns they come from.

- 7) Grover Road TE9:
A Town resident expressed his concern about the rate of speed which vehicles travel along Grover Road. In 2007 a TE9 (speed study) was authorized for the section of Grover Road between Mill and Falls Roads. At that time the NYSDOT declared that the speed limit of 45 MPH was appropriate for existing conditions and should be maintained. The Board discussed submitting a TE9 at this time to see if the results would be different. This will be placed on the June 27, 2011 meeting agenda.

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8) Historic Landmark:

The owner of former Schoolhouse No. 10 is considering applying for historic landmark status for their property. Supervisor Jeffe and Councilwoman Friess stated it would be more logical for the resident/owner to initiate the process than it would be for the Town.

9) Compressor Station:

Supervisor Jeffe noted that she met with Erie County Legislator John Mills and Wales Supervisor Ricky Venditti and that they visited the Reiter Road location where a natural gas compressor station is being proposed. They also visited compressor station on Hemstreet Road in Marilla. Jeffe stated that a group from the Town of Wales wants to visit a similar working compressor station in Pennsylvania.

Councilman Harris stated that the station puts out a 45 decibel rating without buffering from trees, berms, etc. Harris said that people are combining the compressor station issue and fracking issue. He noted that they need to be separate issues.

Tony Rosati, Center Street, asked about the installation of a pipeline to serve the compressor station. Supervisor Jeffe stated that line is already there.

Councilman Bach noted he would be willing to travel with the Wales group to visit the compressor station in Pennsylvania.

Martha L. Librock

Town Clerk