

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
June 21, 2016

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Southside Municipal Center Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY, to discuss changes to the subdivision code, followed at 7:00 p.m. by the regular work session:

Present:	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman/Deputy Supervisor
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor

Others Present:	Ronald P. Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	Patrick Blizniak	Superintendent of Building
	Chris Musshafen	Aquatics/Recreation Director

5:30 p.m. Code Review

The Board reviewed the Town Subdivision Code, making changes to the Open Development Area section. They will continue to review and revamp the code.

7:00 p.m. Work Session

1) Reading Road Open Development Area discussion:

Richard Gicewicz stated his family has owned 60 acres with frontage on Falls Road and 60 feet of frontage on Reading Road. The Falls Road frontage, approximately 20 acres, will be sold off. Mr. Gicewicz is in the process of purchasing the remaining 40 acres and wanted to talk to the Board about the Open Development Area status that this property would have. Supervisor Bach stated that since there was a moratorium on Open Development Area applications and development the Board could not give any advice or recommendations.

2) Mill Road Overlook – use request:

Tim Francis and his fiancé are requesting to have their wedding at the Mill Road Overlook. They are planning for approximately 100 people. Supervisor Bach noted his concern with the lack of parking for that many vehicles. Councilwoman Jeffe stated that the Overlook was designed for passive and limited use and access. Councilwoman Friess stated that the intent of the Overlook was not perceived as a place to have events, but as a passive use location. The committee did envision wedding photos being taken there, but not the actual wedding taking place. Supervisor Bach and Attorney Bennett noted that liability insurance becomes an issue. The Board did not think that their request was viable.

3) Flagpole at Gleed Baseball Diamonds:

Chris Musshafen stated that Baseball Commissioner Joe Orłowski secured a donation of a flagpole for the Gleed Baseball Diamond field. Councilwoman Friess stated she is against putting a flagpole in the middle of the field. Chris noted he would prefer it to be closer to the tree line and T-ball diamonds. Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that they are looking at installing the flagpole, three benches and landscaping. Councilman Snyder stated that the flag would need to be properly illuminated at night. Supervisor Bach stated this will need a site visit before any decisions can be made.

4. South Street Tennis Court Lights:

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that the lights at the South Street tennis courts need to be replaced. Mr. Gunner noted that three of the twelve halogen bulbs have burned out and are becoming difficult to find. He met with Scott Warning from Warning Electric to obtain a quote to replace all the lights with LED bulbs. The total cost to replace all twelve lights would be \$13,490.00. To replace one light this year would be \$1,685.00. Councilwoman Jeffe noted that due to the cost, additional quotes are required. Supervisor Bach asked where the funds would come from. Mr. Gunner stated he would put halogen bulbs back in for now.

5. Sensus Water meter Reader:

In 2012, the Town purchased a Sensus handheld water meter reader. In 2013, the Town moved to a Neptune system and the Sensus reader was no longer used. The Village of Cuba, NY uses the Sensus system and is interested in purchasing the Sensus meter reader. This will be put on the 6/27/16 meeting agenda.

6. West Falls Library Chimney Repair:

Quotes to repair the chimney at the West Falls Library-Community Center were received from Beitz Masonry (\$4,100) and Creative Concrete (\$6,900). Water leaking in through the chimney is causing damage to the building.

7. Brooklea Bridge Repair:

In a memo to the Town Board, Highway Superintendent David Gunner requested approval to hire Union Concrete Construction Corporation to make the necessary repairs to the Brooklea Bridge. Union Concrete is on the Erie County bid list. Attorney Bennett stated that Dormitory Authority State of NY (DASNY) wants to know who the Town got quotes from. Mr. Gunner stated he will try to get more quotes.

8. SSMC Maintenance:

The Board discussed procedures to ensure more efficiency at 300 Glead. The following ideas were proposed: have M. Bove report to Highway office; SSMC work requisitions would come to Town Clerk's office for review, immediate action and/or disbursement to Highway office; all other work requisitions would go directly to the Highway office for review and disbursement. Councilwoman Jeffe noted that job descriptions need to be looked at – this is a Civil Service issue.

9. Solar Moratorium:

The Board is considering a moratorium on commercial and private solar installations. This would be a six-month moratorium in order for the Board to develop a local law.

10. Senior Center – library room carpeting:

Donna Bodekor is requesting Board approval to have new carpeting installed in the library at the Aurora Senior Center. A quote from GP Land & Carpeting for \$3,217.30 was received. They are on the NYS (bid) Contract. Funds will be disbursed from TA1000.0090, which has a balance of \$11,285.

11. Yellow Dot Program:

Erie County Sheriff Timothy Howard is requesting that the Town consider becoming a Yellow Dot Community. The program was designed to alert first responders, with a simple yellow decal, that vital medical information is available when providing emergency medical assistance to an individual, whether in their vehicle or at their residence. There is no cost other than the community's commitment and support.

Martha Librock
Town Clerk