

December 12, 2011

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Chapel/Museum, 5 South Grove Street, East Aurora, New York.

Members Present:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Supervisor
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	James J. Bach	Councilman
	James F. Collins	Councilman
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
Others Present:	Ronald P. Bennett	Town Attorney
	Bryan Smith	Town Engineer
	William Adams	Planning Board member
	Ronald Krowka	Chief of Police
	Peggy Cooke	Recreation Director
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Jeffe opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2011 Work Session; seconded by Councilman Collins. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #347
11/22/11 work session minutes aprvd

Councilman Bach moved to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2011 Town Board meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Friess. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #348
11/28/11 meeting minutes aprvd

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Collins moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a Sublease Agreement with Aurora Adult Day Services (AADS), affirming the Town sublets a portion of 581 Oakwood Avenue (aka: 101 King Street) to AADS. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #349
Sublease with AADS approved.

Councilman Bach moved to set January 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, E. Aurora, as the date, time and place for a public hearing on Local Law Intro 1-2011 – Amending Chapter 79 of the Town Code. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #350
Public hearing set for LL Intro 1 – Chpt. 79 change.

Councilwoman Friess moved to set January 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, E. Aurora, as the date, time and place for a public hearing on Local Law Intro 2-2011 – Amending Chapters 99 and 116 of the Town Code. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #351
Public hearing set for LL Intro 2 – Chpts 99 & 116 amendments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Friess move to approve the following budget transfers to cover Bond Counsel expenses and building maintenance and repair expenses:

From: A9010.0800 State Retirement	\$ 9,757.98
A9050.0800 Unemployment Insurance	3,218.51
To: A1420.0000 Special Counsel	12,976.49

From: ER1621.0414 Enterprise – Utilities	\$ 9,596.15	Action #352
To: ER1420 Enterprise – Legal/Broker Exp.	4,596.15	Gen. fund and
ER1621.0422 Enterprise – Repair & Maint.	5,000.00	Enterprise fund

budget

Councilman Bach seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

transfers aprvd.

Councilman Harris moved to approve the following budget transfer to cover a deficit in the receiving Highway budget line:

From: DB5142.100 Snow Town – wages	\$472.41
DB5148.100 Snow Other – wages	472.41
To: DB5140.100 Brush & Weeds – wages	\$944.82

Action #353
Highway fund
budget transfer
approved.

Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:
ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Harris moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter of engagement (agreement) with Drescher & Malecki LLP, whereby Drescher & Malecki will provide auditing and reporting services for the Town for the year ending December 31, 2011, for a fee of \$16,000. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #354
Supv. auth to
sign agreement
with Drescher
Malecki for
2011 audit

Councilman Bach moved to approve and authorize payment no. 2 in the amount of \$71,475.00 to Jos. A. Sanders & Sons, Inc., PO Box 814, Buffalo, NY, for the 300 Gleed Avenue Roof Rehabilitation project. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #355
Pymt. No. 2 to
J A Sanders for
Gleed roof
rehab approved

Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the CRA Contract Amendment for Additional Architectural, Mechanical and Electrical Design and Professional Cost Estimating services for 300 Gleed reconstruction and remodeling for a lump sum fee not to exceed \$16,850 (K2 Architecture \$9,850.00; KROMAC Mechanical Design \$3,900.00; Baer & Associates \$3,100.00), due to Town requested modifications to the project design. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #356
Contract
amendment for
additional
services for
Gleed
reconstruction
authorized.

Recreation Director Peggy Cooke spoke to the Board about the proposal to build baseball and softball diamonds in the field at 300 Gleed. The proposal is for seven diamonds – four (4) T-Ball/Midget; one (1) small softball; one (1) full-size softball; and one (1) full-size baseball. A portion of the area would remain available for use by the EAUFSD for intermediate soccer, a fall sport. Peggy noted that these would be basic diamonds having no bleachers and no drainage systems. Town labor would be used to build the diamonds. The largest expenses would be infield dirt and back-stops. Peggy stated that she is seeking to raise \$42,000 through donations, \$12,000 of which is already identified. Having fields at this location would mean that Hamlin football field would not have to be used, nor would the South Wales diamond. Councilman Collins asked about parking. Peggy stated there may need to be designated parking areas for tenants, town and for the athletic fields. Supervisor Jeffe stated that the Board will wait for an accurate detailed drawing and answers to fundraising questions before making a decision. In the mean time the area can be staked, but no other work can be done. Councilman Collins suggested that neighbors be notified to prevent any future problems or issues.

Councilman Collins moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a postage meter/machine lease agreement with Pitney Bowes, Inc. for 51 months at \$264 per month. Councilman Bach seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #357
51 mo. lease
for postage
machine
approved.

Quotes for uniforms for the Recreation wrestling program were received from:

Promo Actives	\$1,293.00
ProForma	\$1,319.55
Al Ross Sport Screening	\$1,599.00

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the purchase of wrestling program uniforms from Promo Actives, 454 Olean Road, E. Aurora, in the amount of \$1,293. Funds will be disbursed from A7142.400.1 Summer Playground vendors. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #358
Purchase of
wrestling
uniforms
approved.

Supervisor Jeffe stated that property owners whose back yards abut the trail coming into Major Park from South Street have a problem with the closeness of the trail to their homes and the lack of privacy they are experiencing. There is a proposal to install a fence along a portion of the pathway. This requires asking the NYS Office of Parks for a change in scope of the project. Recreation Director Peggy Cooke gave a brief over-view of the Major Park grant, in particular the trail/boardwalk portion of the project. Councilman Bach stated that moving the path closer to the community garden property was suggested, but is not an option. Councilwoman Friess stated that installing a six (6) foot high fence along a portion of the pathway and a seven (7) foot high fence along approximately 50 feet of the area would ensure more privacy to the properties involved.

Supervisor Jeffe invited several members of the audience to speak on this proposal. Deb Seiber, Walnut St., E. Aurora, commented on the history of the community garden property. Jim Czora, Geneva Road, commented on the pathway, which he refers to as an improved road, being only forty (40) feet from his back deck, and extending 160 feet along the rear of his property. Mr. Czora asked if closing the South Street entrance to Major Park could be part of the scope change. Councilwoman Friess noted that this is a problem caused by the Town, so the Town needs to mitigate it and a fence is the best possible solution.

Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign and submit, to NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, a change in scope request for the Major Park Pathway grant to include a (privacy) fence along a portion of the trail that begins at South Street and goes along the backyards of several Geneva Road properties. Councilman Bach seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #359
Change in
scope for
Major Park
pathway grant
authorized.

COMMUNICATIONS – The following communications were received by the Board and filed:

- Town Clerk– November 2011 Report
- Assessor - November 2011 Report
- Dog Control - November 2011 Report
- Recreation Director - November 2011 Report
- EAPD - November 2011 Report
- Tax Receiver - November 2011 Report
- Senior Center - November 2011 Report
- Supervisor - November 2011 Report
- Work Requisitions - November 2011 Report

BOARD MEMBERS/LIAISONS:

Councilwoman Friess thanked everyone who worked on the Major Park pathway situation and proposed (fence) solution.

Councilman Bach stated that a privacy fence along the pathway should help. He also noted that several members of the Wales Town Board visited a compressor station comparable to the one being proposed on Reiter Road in the Town of Wales.

Supervisor Jeffe noted that the final draft of the employee handbook will be ready soon.

AUDIENCE II:

Tony Rosati, Center Street, asked if the Board would consider a dog walking path that would extend from Community Pool Park to Gleed Avenue.

STAFF REPORTS:

Peggy Cooke noted that Friends of Knox Farm State Park are making progress – the grounds are being kept up, a road was fixed and a farmer is submitting a proposal to the State to run a working farm on the property.

Chief of Police Ron Krowka reminded everyone that Carolcade is December 17th.

The December 12, 2011 Abstract of Claims, consisting of vouchers numbered 2219 to 2294, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$211,218.46
Part Town	74,431.57
Enterprise/Gleed	22,472.60
Capital	74,210.00
Trust & Agency	5,111.04
Special Districts	<u>16,311.92</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$403,755.59

Councilman Harris moved to approve the December 12, 2011 Abstract of Claims as presented and to authorize payment of same. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #360
12/12/11
Abstract of
Claims aprvd.

Supervisor Jeffe moved to enter into executive session to discuss a particular employee's performance with no action being taken during the session. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #361
Board enters
executive
session.

Councilwoman Friess moved to come out of executive session; seconded by Supervisor Jeffe. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #362
Board exits
executive
session.

Councilman Collins moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Bach. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried.

Action #363
Meeting
adjourned.