

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
January 14, 2019

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Southside Municipal Center Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a work session:

Present:	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	Camie Jarrell	GHD/Engineer
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Tony Rosati	Zoning Board Member

Supervisor Bach led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) Town of Aurora/Village of East Aurora – Lease Agreements:

The East Aurora Village board recently voted to authorize Mayor Mercurio to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and the lease agreements between the Town and Village pertaining to 571 Main Street and 575-587 Oakwood Avenue. Upon completion of the renovation of the former fire hall into a municipal center, the Town offices will relocate from 300 Gleed Avenue to the Oakwood building. The Town Courts will remain at 571 Main Street, a Village-owned building, as will the police station. The Village offices will relocate to 575-587 Oakwood Avenue, a Town-owned building.

2) New Town Hall Renovation – Bond Resolution:

After many months of planning, the project to renovate the former fire hall for Town offices will go out to bid in the near future. The Board has asked the bonding attorney to prepare a \$5.7 million dollar bond resolution for the Aurora Municipal Center Capital Project. The Resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

3) Temporary Use Permit KFSP - Borderland:

Jennifer Brazill, on behalf of the Borderland Festival/Craftwork Entertainment, has submitted an application for a Temporary Use Permit to use the polo grounds at KFSP for parking for the event. Proof of insurance was submitted, along with fees associated with the permit. The event dates are September 21-22, 2019.

4) Temporary Use Permit KFSP - Brewski:

John Cimperman/42 North Brewing Company has submitted an application for a Temporary Use Permit to use the soccer field parking lot at KFSP for a parking area for attendees of the 3rd Annual Brewski event at the park. Proof of insurance and the remaining fees are required.

5) Highway – Plow Truck purchase & Plow Truck surplus:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting Board authorization to purchase a new 2020 Kenworth T470 plow truck at this time because it will take approximately 12 months to build. This is contingent upon the \$220,916.00 cost being put in the 2020 Town Budget and that budget being approved.

Kenworth is also offering to take one of the Town's 2009 International plow trucks on trade and reducing the price of the new truck by \$30,000.

Mr. Gunner is also requesting that the Board declare the 2009 International plow truck as surplus inventory.

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6) Highway – Tub grinding:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting Board approval to hire Union Concrete Corporation to tub-grind the brush pile at the Highway garage. The \$400 per hour rate is off the 2018-19 Erie County Summer Highway Maintenance bid.

7) East Aurora Boys & Girls Club agreement:

The Town has budgeted \$35,000 for the Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora. The 2019 Agreement between the Town and the Club states that the Club will conduct programs for the youth of the Town of Aurora and the Town will pay the Club \$35,000 over four installments.

8) ECWA Memorandum of Understanding re: Direct Service:

In 2014 and 2015, the Town signed Memoranda of Understanding that would lead to the conveyance of the Town's water system to the Erie County Water Authority. The ECWA legal department is recommending a new Memorandum of Understanding, incorporating the prior Memoranda, which would extend the time to complete the legal requirements necessary for the Town to convey its water system to the ECWA. The ECWA Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution on 12/27/18 authorizing its Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

9) Dissolution Plan – Town of Aurora Consolidated Water District:

The second legal step in preparing for direct service with the Erie County Water Authority is the dissolution of the (proposed) Consolidated Water District. After approval of the consolidation of Town Water Districts, Extensions and Improvement Areas, the Town Board will have to dissolve the consolidated district and set a referendum for the voters to decide on the dissolution.

10) Town Cell Phones/Policy:

The Town currently provides cell phones to some of its employees. To date there are several flip phones still in use and one smart phone. Verizon Wireless offers two plans off the NYS contract:

- \$34.99 per line for: 200 minutes, 800 messages and 5GB of data – the minutes and data pool together
- \$39.00 per line for: unlimited talk, text and data

11) Aurora Mills Subdivision – building permits:

Dave DePaolo of Marrano Homes/Mark Equity originally requested approval from the Town Board to be able to obtain building permits for up to 61 lots in the project prior to the infrastructure (roads, road gutters, water, sewer and storm sewer lines) being completed. Mr. DePaolo stated that he is changing the request to be only lots 1 to 32 where the paving, water, sewer and storm lines are complete.

Mr. DePaolo stated the project is so big that it is taking time and being done in a rolling manner, and not being phased. He anticipates the infrastructure to be completed mid to late July 2019 and noted that the project is well received as they have eight signed contracts to date.

Councilman Snyder stated he would consider authorizing building permits for up to five lots in this area, but no certificates of occupancy would be issued until the entire infrastructure is done and inspected. After each foundation goes in, a foundation location survey would need to be submitted to the Building Department. Mr. DePaolo stated that a dozen permits would work for them. Mr. Snyder stated that the foundations should not be started until the water is on. After consideration, the Board settled on considering the issuance of building permits for up to ten lots in the area of the project marked lots 1 to 32 along Aurora Mills Drive.

Councilwoman Jeffe stated that since this is not a phased project, Mr. DePaolo could always come back before the Board with additional or amended requests.