

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
August 26, 2019

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Southside Municipal Center Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Glead 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
	William Wheeler	Engineer/GHD
	Tony Rosati	ZBA Member

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

1) 840 Quaker Road - ODA:

Property owner Mark Katilus brought copies of a site plan for the parcel showing the proposed location of a house. Mr. Katilus stated that when he purchased the property he had plans to build a house there and would have been able to build 75 feet back from what would be his front lot line and the rear lot line of the residence at 856 Quaker. He noted that the property is currently for sale and he may have a prospective buyer. It was noted that at one time there was a house on the property that Mr. Katilus tore down because of its poor condition. Councilman Snyder stated he believes the new home should be built where the old one was. Councilman Harris and Councilwoman Jeffe stated they would like to see it moved back at least 25 feet more toward the creek from where it was drawn on the site plan. The Board discussed a possible berm at the front lot line. Mr. Katilus stated his intention from the beginning has been to build on the west side of the ravine. Councilwoman Friess stated this was purchased as a buildable lot under the old zoning code. Bill Kramer, Code Enforcement Officer, asked that if the Board approves this, they are specific as to the size and placement of the berm, type of trees or other plantings for the top of the berm, and the front yard setback of the house.

Supervisor Bach stated the Town Attorney will prepare a resolution for the next Town Board meeting.

2) Stormwater and Erosion Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for 422 Cook & 2318 Lapham Roads:

Karen Fabrizi and Victoria Fabrizi of 388 Cook Road spoke to the Board about the number of spoil piles, lack of silt fencing, and drainage issues regarding 422 Cook and 2318 Lapham and how it affects their property. Victoria stated that the owner broke ground at 422 Cook in August 2018 and dug up the entire parcel, more than one acre, but a soil-sock was not put in place until March 2019. Bill Kramer stated that GHD reviewed the drainage plans and okayed them. Once the as-built plans are available GHD will review them again, but they will not go on-site to shoot elevations/grades.

Victoria stated that they are concerned about the southeast corner of their property where water from uphill comes onto their land. She believes that drainage water is being aimed at their property. Bill Kramer stated that there are two detention ponds that once completed should cure the problem. The first retention pond was installed 10 years ago and the second is getting its final grading now. Councilman Snyder suggested that we see what comes once the project is complete as presented in the plans. Bill Kramer and the Board will continue to monitor the situation.

3) 1089 Davis Road Special Use Permit:

The Aurora Planning Board reviewed the request from Michael Gish for a special use permit for a construction business and office at 1089 Davis Road, PO West Falls. The Planning Board recommended that the Town Board approve the request. Councilwoman Jeffe stated she wants to see a site plan showing where equipment and any construction materials will be stored,

along with employee parking. Councilman Snyder stated that the equipment is now in the parking lot. Mr. Gish was not in attendance. This will be tabled to the next work session.

4) Building Permit Fees:

Code Enforcement Officer William Kramer is requesting to amend the building permit fee schedule to allow permit holders to obtain partial year permits for projects that are not completed at the end of the original 12-month permit period. Mr. Kramer is proposing a 3-month renewal permit after the expiration of the original permit and the fee be set at ¼ of the original permit fee plus a \$25 application fee. This would be in addition to the current one-year renewal at ½ the cost of the original permit.

5) Town of Aurora lease at 300 Gleed Avenue:

The Town's three-year lease with Southside Commerce Center expires October 31, 2019. The Town has an option to renew for one year at the rate of \$6.00 per square foot for base rent with the common area and utility charges remaining the same at \$2.25 and \$1.59 per square foot respectively. If the Town does not notify Southside Commerce Center of its intentions, the Town would become a month-to-month tenant effective November 1, 2019. This was discussed by the Board and the consensus was to enter into a one-year renewal.

6) Agreement for Services:

The agreement for services will be modified to cover all genders with one agreement.

7) Knox Farm State Park Polo Field/ Use by Buffalo Polo Club:

The agreement with the Buffalo Polo Club for use of the Knox Farm State Park polo field for polo events will be amended and presented to the Board at the next work session.

8) Highway 284 Amended Agreement (DA fund):

The Board discussed how to provide the funds for the amended Highway 284 DA Fund agreement presented by Highway Superintendent Gunner. Councilwoman Jeffe stated we need to converse with Jeff Smith of Municipal Solutions regarding BAN's or Bonding for this and other projects/equipment before making a decision.

9) Copier – Assessor's Office:

The 11-year old Konica Minolta copier in the Assessor's office was declared unrepairable due to the age of the machine and the parts not being available. Lineage is offering a new Konica Minolta BizHub 287 copier from NYS Contract PM68149 for \$3,004.76. The annual maintenance fee is \$264.00, which is \$125.00 less than the maintenance fee on the current machine.

10) Section VI Cross Country Championship event – Knox Farm State Park:

The Section VI Cross Country Championships are scheduled to be held on November 8, 2019 at Knox Farm State Park. Students from Section VI schools will be participating in the event. East Aurora coach Walt McLaughlin, on behalf of Section VI, is requesting a temporary use permit for the event.

11) School Resource Officer (SRO):

Councilman Snyder stated he attended a meeting of East Aurora School and Village officials regarding an SRO for the East Aurora Schools. Police Chief Krieger noted that if a full-time SRO were hired, that person would be dedicated to the EAUFSD for 75% of the year and

75% of the salary/benefits would be paid by the school district. The remaining 25% would be paid in the police budget (thereby shared by the Town and Village) since that officer would be performing duties for the Town and Village during non-school times. Councilwoman Jeffe stated the school needs to decide if they want a part-time or full-time SRO.

12) Stop sign request:

A resident on Hamlin Avenue between North Street and Hillcrest Drive is requesting stop signs in the upper Hamlin area around Beechwood. In a memo to Supervisor Bach, Police Chief Krieger states they have only two documented accidents at that intersection since 2003. Chief Krieger stated that the NYSDOT only recommends stop signs when there are numerous documented accidents and/or when traffic from a side street cannot get out. He said he would have a speed monitor placed there to see what the speed of traffic is.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk