

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
January 27, 2020

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:00 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	Councilwoman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Tony Rosati	ZBA member
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Chris Musshafen	Recreation/Aquatics Director

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

1) EA Baseball/Softball agreement:

Amy Sullivan and Jim Kittner of EA Baseball and Softball, Inc. (EABSI) met with the Board and Town Attorney to review the draft agreement allowing EABSI to conduct baseball and softball activities on the fields at 300 Gleed, Warren Drive and 690 South Street.

Items/issues discussed were:

- 1-year contract would renew automatically.
- Town of Aurora Recreation department would schedule the fields.
- Town of Aurora would have the right to add, delete or modify maintenance procedures as deemed necessary.
- EABSI will be able to use the restroom facilities at Community Pool.
- A Health Department permit will be needed to operate the concession stand – EABSI will obtain the permit.
- Adult supervision required at the concession stand.
- Concession proceeds are the property of EABSI
- EABSI requests an “issue resolution” mechanism be added to the agreement.

The Town Attorney will make the changes to the agreement and forward to both parties for further review.

2) Borderland – request for temporary use permit:

Jennifer Brazill, Borderland representative and Andrew (Andy) Hillman, KFSP manager, appeared before the Board to discuss the application for a temporary use permit to be able to park cars on the Town managed portion of Knox Farm State Park during the Borderland Music and Arts Festival on September 19-20, 2020.

The Board expressed their concern about where cars would park if the fields were too wet. Andy Hillman stated that the KFSP parking lot expansion begins next week near the Willardshire Road exit. Jen Brazill noted that if there were thunder and lightning they would cancel the bands.

Supervisor Bach stated that Borderland will need to have a written parking and traffic plan and a contingent plan in the event of rain. The plan needs to be available well before the event in order for the Town and Police Chief to review it.

Councilwoman Friess stated that someone from the Town needs to be on site to park cars on the Town side of the park.

A suggestion was made that ride-share drop-off and pick-up take place at the Gypsy Lane and Knox Road intersection.

3) Highway – Request to hire:

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that two highway employees will be eligible to retire within the next 18 months and he would like to get ahead on hiring qualified individuals to replace them. Mr. Gunner has one individual that he would like to hire as a seasonal part time laborer at \$17.76 per hour beginning February 10, 2020. Mr. Gunner anticipates that the new hire will then move from the laborer position to truck driver.

4) Whaley Bridge engineering proposal:

At the 1/13/2020 work session, Highway Superintendent Gunner presented a quote from Foit Albert for engineering for the Whaley Avenue bridge replacement project. Mr. Gunner stated that he put out a request for quotes (RFQ) for the North Grove bridge project and the specs are the same for Whaley.

At that time, the Board requested that Mr. Gunner consider quotes from other engineering companies. GHD was asked to quote and declined. No other quotes were obtained.

5) Police Contract – corrected addendum:

Supervisor Bach stated that the 2018-2023 Police Services contract should have been for 17 officers, not 16. The copy of the contract that the Town and Village Boards approved in May 2018 has addendum “A” showing 16 officers. Mr. Bach stated that the Board really voted for 17 and at that time, no one from the Village or Town noticed the discrepancy in the number of officers. Police Chief Krieger noted that the addendum was not typed correctly.

Councilwoman Friess spoke about the proposed Police/Fire Dispatch contract, not yet signed, that incorporates a percentage of the Police Chief’s and other salaries. Those same salaries are used in the Police Contract and the Town should be reimbursed 49% of the administrative fee from the Dispatch Contract.

The Board also noted that the 17th officer has nothing to do with any proposed hiring of a new school resource officer.

6) Aurora Municipal Center (AMC) update:

Councilman Snyder stated that the construction on the new municipal center is on schedule. Heat and stairways are in and they are beginning to put up drywall. Mr. Snyder would like to schedule a walk-thru for Town and Village Board members.

7) Spectrum Cable – Knox Road:

Councilwoman Friess spoke about the lack of cable and internet services on a portion of Knox Road, noting that there are several new homes being built there. Supervisor Bach stated that the Town’s franchise agreement expired several years ago and that the Village recently signed a new agreement with Spectrum. It was noted that Greenlight will be coming to the Buffalo area with internet service, but they will most likely not go beyond the first ring of Buffalo suburbs.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk