

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
February 10, 2020

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5:30 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:	William Wheeler	Engineer/GHD
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Tony Rosati	ZBA member
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police

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

1) Commercial Insurance – Broker of Record:

Supervisor Bach stated that he and Kathleen Moffat met with representatives from Vanner Insurance and Sprague Insurance to discuss a potential new broker/agent relationship and shopping the insurance market place to see what the results might be. Based on the meetings, it is their recommendation to go with Vanner Insurance and authorize them to put the Town policy out to market. The Supervisor will have to sign a Broker of Record letter (a letter executed by an insured appointing a new broker). This letter will be sent to the Town's insurance carrier or market with a copy to both the Town's current broker. Supervisor Bach noted that the Village of East Aurora and Town of Elma have Vanner as their agent.

2) AMC Architect fee update/proposal:

Councilman Snyder stated that during the design and planning phase for the new Town Hall the architects, Fontanese Folts Aubrecht Ernst (FFAE), did a lot of work pertaining to the Courts moving to the new building. This move is not going to occur and is not anticipated to occur anytime in the near future. The design work for the Court far exceeded the expectations of the Feasibility Study.

In addition, FFAE assisted in the collection and organization of interior finishes which is an "additional service" in the contract.

FFAE also provided additional site design and parking lot lay out and additional cost estimating which exceeded the basic cost estimating provided for in the contract.

There are also three invoices from Sienna Environmental that were paid by FFAE, but not yet invoiced to the Town.

FFAE is also proposing design assistance and/or guidance in developing an interior and exterior signage program.

Councilman Snyder stated the additional services (not including signage design) total is \$31,345.00 and believes this should be paid to FFAE as they worked on the Court design for over a year. Also, the \$5,150.00 for invoices from Sienna needs to be paid.

3) KFSP Temporary Use Permit application update:

At a previous work session, the Board discussed amending the Knox Farm State Park (KFSP) Temporary Use Permit application to take into consideration larger crowds and the need for better parking and traffic control. Chris Musshafen added a clause that states - based on the estimated attendance the applicant would have to meet with Town officials and the Chief of Police to discuss traffic control and parking and to determine if additional Town services and/or fees are required. The attachment submittal area on the application needs to have a written traffic/parking plan added. The application form will be amended again and resubmitted for approval.

4) Baseball/Softball Agreement:

The Board discussed the changes that were made to the proposed East Aurora Baseball and Softball, Inc. agreement with the Town. The changes were suggested at the last work session and the agreement was amended by the Town Attorney. Two items that are not currently in the agreement, and that were not discussed at the prior work session, are 1) who will pay for and/or supply diamond dirt; and 2) will Baseball/Softball be required to pay the Town for maintenance, upkeep equipment purchases and improvements to the areas defined in the agreement similar to the clause in the agreement with the Aurora Arsenal organization for the soccer fields.

These items will be added to the agreement and the Town will arrange to meet with the president of the baseball/softball organization to discuss the changes.

5) Walking Path on the Town owned portion of 300 Glead Ave.:

The East Aurora Baseball and Softball organization would like to see a walking path on certain areas of the fields at 300 Glead. Highway Superintendent Gunner stated he is willing to do the work on the path that would begin at Community Pool at loop over to Glead. A map/plan and diagram of the walking path needs to be submitted to the Board.

6) Center Street property donation:

At one time, Town residents Don and Barbara Owens approached the Board with an offer to purchase a vacant parcel on the east side of Center Street along the north line of Cazenovia Creek and to donate it to the Town. The Owens' attorney prepared a warranty deed – lien covenant whereby the Owens' will give the property owner, Kristen Nelson, funds for the property and in-turn Ms. Nelson will deed the property to the Town. The Board noted that they would consider this contingent upon final review of the documents by the Town Attorney.

7) Miscellaneous items:

Councilman Wochensky stated he met with the Town Planning Board and reported that the Planning Board feels that too much is being put on the Town Board and that the Planning Board would like to take on more of the issues presented to the Town Board. Councilwoman Friess responded that the Town Board gets the information/requests first in order to have a better handle on what is being presented, rather than being blind-sided by a request that has been before the Planning Board that the Town Board has no knowledge of and ultimately needs to make a decision on.

Councilman Wochensky also:

- Stated the Planning Board would like to do a Comprehensive Plan.
- Spoke about the Town possibly being able to opt out of provisions in the condominium law and also mentioned services provided to the Mill Road condominiums.
- Spoke about the Environmental Committee and digital alert plans for the Town.