

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
April 26, 2021

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a work session. The Board met in-person at the Aurora Municipal Center, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, New York. Public attendance was allowed at this meeting. The work session was live-streamed via Zoom and YouTube.

Present:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
Others Present:	Elizabeth Cassidy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Kevin Glover	Asst. Code Enforcement Officer
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Chris Musshafen	Recreation/Aquatics Director
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Tony Rosati	ZBA member/Village Trustee
	Paul Porter	Village Trustee

Supervisor Bach opened the work session at 6:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and noted the regular meeting would begin immediately after the work session.

1) Willardshire Road – ODA, parcels size, etc.:

Eric Morrow spoke to the Board about the properties on Willardshire Road left to him and his siblings through his father's estate. Mr. Morrow noted that his father owned the property for 30 years and in 2004 split it into four parcels – three flag lots and one undersize lot with correct road frontage. (These property splits were made prior to the Town's first Open Development Area code adopted in 2008.)

Elizabeth Cassidy stated that Parcel II on the survey would need a lot size variance. Parcel I is undersize and if square footage were not added to it, would need a lot size variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals because it does not fall under the ODA code. Expanding Parcel I would affect the (unnumbered) lot where a house is located.

Mr. Morrow stated that the Erie County Health Department discouraged the .65-acre lot size for Parcel I for septic purposes.

The Board told Mr. Morrow they could not make any decisions without more information on the survey, such as placement of future house(s). Mr. Morrow stated he could provide that. With more information, the matter could be forwarded to the Planning Board for review.

2) Pool Use Agreements:

Chris Musshafen presented agreements for pool use from the Town Wreckers Swim Team (TWST) from Orchard Park and from the Hamburg Swim Club (HAMB), Hamburg, NY. TWST is requesting to use community pool for competitive swim practices Monday thru Friday, 3:15-5:00p.m, from May 3 to May 28, 2021 at a fee of \$100 per hour if the Town of Aurora provides lifeguards and \$75 per hour if they provide their own guards. HAMB is requesting to use the pool for competitive swimming practices Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., from May 3 to June 27, 2021 at a fee of \$100 per hour if the Town of Aurora provides lifeguards and \$75 per hour if they provide their own guards. Councilman Wochensky requested that additional wording be added to the agreements stating that the group needs to notify the Town at least 48 hours in advance for all non-weather related cancellations and that the Town may use the pool during cancelled times.

3) Highway – Budget amendment; budget transfer; amended 284 agreement:

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated that with the receipt of additional CHIPS funds and a potential sales tax revenue increase, he wants to pave a portion of Boies Road, a permanent

improvement. A budget amendment, budget transfers and an amended 284 Agreement are needed.

4) Highway – Request to purchase a new 2021 wheeled excavator:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting to purchase a new 2021 Caterpillar M318 22 ton wheeled excavator with attachments from Milton Cat, Inc., Batavia, NY, through the NYS OGS/Sourcewell Contract #PC66988. The purchase would be contingent on funding and approval of the 2022 Town Budget. Payment will not be due until after January 1, 2022. Mr. Gunner stated that this piece of equipment will replace the Gradall that needs transmission repair and parts are not available and he was told that the price of the wheeled excavator would increase on May 1st.

5) Alcohol use in Town parks:

The Board discussed the Town Codes that address alcohol use/consumption on Town property and in Town parks. Currently consumption is only allowed in Town parks when there is written permission from the Town. A request to sell alcohol during an event at a Town park was recently received by the Board and it is expected that more will follow. Councilwoman Friess stated she does not mind personal use of alcohol, but is leaning toward no sales. Councilman Wochensky stated that exceptions could be made. The agreement that the Town has with NYS for Knox Park needs to be looked at regarding alcohol use/sales. Discussion will continue on this topic.

6) NYS Cannabis Law (recreational use):

Supervisor Bach stated that the Town Board is opening up discussion on how it wants to proceed with the new cannabis law. Towns can opt out of allowing retail sales and on-site consumption locations or it can allow one or the other or both. A local law needs to be adopted before 12/31/2021 with this decision.

Councilwoman Friess stated she thinks the Town and Village should be on the same page.

Supervisor Bach noted that there are many unknowns at this time and a lot to consider and discuss. The Village Board, police department, planning boards, zoning boards and residents should all be involved in discussion.

Councilman Wochensky suggested setting up a committee with one representative from each entity, noting that feedback from the public is important.

7) Temporary Use Permit – B&G Club for Community Pool Park:

The Boys & Girls Club is looking to hold a pitch, hit and run baseball event at Community Pool Park on May 14, 2021, with a rain date of May 21.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk