

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
March 17, 2015

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 7:00 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
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
Absent/Excused:	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent

Deputy Supervisor Friess opened the work session at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Those present met to discuss the following:

1) Proposed Financing - Bonds:

Matt Smith, Municipal Solutions, met with the Board to discuss the amortization schedules for a \$756,250 Public Improvement Serial bond and a \$300,000 Federally Taxable bond. The Public Improvement bond is for the financing of the Town's share of the new Village of East Aurora fire hall, highway trucks, Parks equipment, Community Pool improvements and building concrete block repair. Councilwoman Jeffe suggested paying for the baseball groomer from equipment reserve. The reconstruction of the South Street tennis courts will be decided on once the snow melts and the Board can look at the tennis court surface. The taxable bond is for reconstruction of the Southside Municipal Center parking lots and new HVAC rooftop units. Councilwoman Jeffe suggested the amount of this bond be increased to \$390,000 with \$360,000 going toward the parking lots and \$30,000 for the HVAC. Municipal Solutions will contact Bond Counsel regarding the bond resolution.

2) Sunnking Electronics Recycling:

Highway Superintendent Gunner submitted the Erie County Legislature resolution approving the retaining of Sunnking Electronics Recycling to provide recycling services associated with the collection and recycling of residentially generated electronic waste. Mr. Gunner included the 2014 settlement report showing that the Town of Aurora paid \$551.05 for electronic waste recycling. The environmental fee outweighed the rebatable amount for recycling electronics. The consensus of the Board was not to pursue this since residents can dispose of electronics at places like Best Buy and other electronics retailers.

3) Elma Water Rate Increase:

In March of 2014, the Elma Town Board approved a water rate increase. The Elma Water Department supplies water to several Town of Aurora water districts north of the Village. In December 2014, the Elma Town Board approved another increase. The current rates charged to the Town are:

<u>Usage</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>
Minimum 0/5000 gals	\$20.44	\$18.40
First 150,000 gals	\$5.02/thousand	\$4.52/thousand
Over 151,000 gals	\$4.81/thousand	\$4.33/thousand

Councilwoman Jeffe stated that the Board needs to see the fund balances for all the Elma supplied Town water districts before making a decision on a rate increase for Town residents.

4) Mill Road Overlook - Facebook:

A Friends of Mill Road member currently updates information on the Mill Road Overlook on her Facebook site. The Board feels that people should go to the Town website for this information since it is Town owned property

5) Southside Municipal Center drop box:

The Town Clerk informed the Board that due to a situation where many 2015 Town/County tax payments are lost in the mail, several residents have inquired about the Town providing a drop box at the Town Hall for tax payments, dog license payments, etc. There are several options including in-wall, in-door, and free-standing. After some discussion it was determined that a free-standing unit outside the Town Hall entrance might be a good choice. The Town Clerk will look into the cost, installation, etc. for a unit of this type.

6) Emergency Waterline Repair – Woodland Drive:

Highway Superintendent David Gunner informed the Board that a resident on Woodland Drive was without water for about 1 ½ weeks. After determining that the frozen pipe was in the Town right of way, Mr. Gunner stated he hired Spanitz Excavating to locate the frozen pipe and thaw it out. Mr. Gunner noted that the Town did not have the equipment to do this since the frost line was well below the water line. The project took about 2 ½ days. He is asking for Board approval to pay the \$7,000+ bill from Spanitz.

7) Planning Board alternate:

The Board discussed letters received by the Supervisor from individuals interested in filling the Planning Board Alternate vacancy.

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk