

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
April 21, 2015

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, April 21, 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
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Richard Dean	Assessor

Supervisor Bach 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) Grover Road speed limit:

Bob Mauger, Grover Road, spoke to the Board about what he and other Grover Road residents believe is an unsafe speed limit on Grover Road. The current speed limit is 45mph, the same limit as Transit Road and Route 16. Mr. Mauger noted that there are sixteen blind hills along this road. The NYS Department of Transportation has conducted several speed studies for Grover Road and each time the response has been that the current speed limit is appropriate. Supervisor Bach asked Mr. Mauger if additional signage (blind hill) or cutting back the brush along the roadside would help. Mr. Mauger replied that the County does not cut brush/weeds alongside county roads. Mr. Mauger stated that some residents need to cross the road to get to their mailboxes and due to the blind hills, cannot see if cars are coming. Councilman Harris suggested that Mr. Mauger get letters from Grover Road residents stating their concerns. Councilwoman Friess noted that photos of all sixteen blind hills might aid the effort to reduce the speed limit. Mr. Mauger stated this needs to be a consolidated effort of the Town, Erie County and Senator Gallivan. Supervisor Bach asked Mr. Mauger to have the residents sign a petition or send letters and he will write letters to Senator Gallivan and Assemblyman DiPietro.

2) Cold War Veterans exemptions:

John Voss, veteran, Tom Ricci, American Legion Commander, and Richard Dean, Town Assessor, spoke to the Board about Cold War tax exemptions that could be offered by the Town. Councilwoman Friess asked what other towns in Erie County offer the exemptions. She would like to speak to them to find out what the tax impacts are. This information would be used when the Town prepares its 2016 budget. Mr. Voss stated that he recommends this exemption because any non-combat veteran should be treated like a combat veteran.

3) Baseball diamond expansion:

Chris Musshafen, Recreation and Aquatics Director, Joe Orłowski, Baseball Commissioner and Jim Kittner, parks department employee spoke to the Board about increasing the size of the baseball diamonds at Community Pool Park. The diamonds are currently 60 feet. The request is to make them 70 feet to allow the town league to play in the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken league, which strictly uses 70-foot diamonds. Mr. Orłowski noted that the outfield dimensions would not change, just the infield. Chris Musshafen noted that there are funds in the baseball capital campaign and field donations to help cover the cost.

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4) Community Pool use agreements:

A) The Town of Orchard Park is interested in renting Community Pool for their Day Camp program for three days in August from 10:00 am to noon each day. An agreement covering fees, insurance, and rules/regulations was written for the Board to review and consider at their next meeting.

B) A use agreement form was developed for individuals wishing to rent Community Pool for private parties. The form includes fees, insurance requirements, waivers, and rules/regulations. Approval of the form will be considered at the next Town Board meeting.

5) Mill Road Overlook mowing:

Councilwoman Friess stated that the quotes submitted by Highway Superintendent Gunner for a rotary cutter are for cutting the field at the Mill Road Overlook. Mr. Gunner noted that the equipment would be used at Major Park, also. Kathy Lasher, Friends of Mill Road, stated they do not have funds to buy this type of equipment and that Joe Grover would hay the field again this year and in future years. Lasher said that she recommends Joe Grover haying the field this year as the funds in their coffers need to be used for other things before buying a piece of equipment. It was noted that \$500 would need to be put in the 2016 budget for the haying.

6) Luther Road/WD 6 BAN:

Jeff Smith, Municipal Solutions, forwarded options for repayment of the Luther Road/Water District 6 BAN that matures June 25, 2015. The Board needs to decide whether to renew the BAN or to issue a bond. Councilwoman Jeffe stated that locking into a bond would affect the highway budget.

7) Senior Center exhaust fan:

The Board discussed a quote from TriR Mechanical Services, Inc., to replace an exhaust fan at the Senior Center. Since the quote was for more than \$1,000, two more verbal quotes will be obtained.

8) Right of Entry Agreement:

BillIt, a SSMC tenant, wants to have Time Warner fiber optics brought into the building for their use. Time Warner requires a right of entry agreement from the property owner. This will be put on the next meeting agenda.

9) Aurora-Mill Cluster Subdivision:

The Board discussed the cluster subdivision being proposed for Mill Road south of the Village of East Aurora line. In March, the Board forwarded a sketch plan to the Planning Board for review. Just before the Planning Board met, the developer submitted a revised plan to the Planning Board that had not been seen by the Town Board. The Board discussed creating a subcommittee to review subdivision submittals before they are sent to the Planning Board. At this time, it will consist of the Supervisor, one Councilperson, Town Attorney, Town Clerk, Planning Board Chairman, Planning Board engineer and the building inspector.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk