

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
June 16, 2015

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, June 16, 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
	Robert Goller	Town Historian
	William Wheeler	CRA/Engineer
	Greg Keyser	CRA/Engineer

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) Aurora Mills Cluster Subdivision:

Gary Eckis, representing the developer, and Patricia Bittar, Sr. Project Manager, were present to answer any questions the Board may have. Bill Wheeler stated the package submitted May 21, 2015 meets the criteria spelled out in the Town Code for sketch plan review. Mr. Wheeler noted that the SEQR should be considered as a draft. Greg Keyser confirmed that 89 units is the maximum allowed for this development. Mr. Eckis stated that all of them are single family. Supervisor Bach commented on the projects two phases – single family and patio homes. Mr. Eckis stated they would not seek condominium status for the single-family area and they are asking the Town to take over the roads in that area. Ms. Bittar stated all the patio homes are single family. Highway Superintendent Gunner stated he is concerned about snow plowing, as there is no turn-around in the one area. Ms. Bittar said a T turn-around could be put in. Mr. Gunner said it would need to be a part of the public road. Councilman Snyder stated that the bedrock in this area is 1 to 7 feet deep and asked if they were considering basements in the units. Ms. Bittar responded they were not sure yet. Bill Wheeler noted that any blasting (of bedrock) for utilities would be the developers responsibility. Councilwoman Jeffe was concerned about where they would put snow plowed from the private road. Ms. Bittar said that would be taken into consideration. This will be placed on the June 22, 2015 agenda for consideration to forward the sketch plan to the planning Board.

2) Pioneer Cemetery:

Town Historian Robert Goller spoke to the Board about the care and maintenance of the Pioneer Cemetery on Oakwood Avenue. The original cemetery association dissolved and the Town became in charge of the cemetery. Some of East Aurora's earliest settlers and veterans of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 are buried here. Mr. Goller talked about past groups that were formed to oversee maintenance of the cemetery, noting that all of them disbanded. He is requesting that a committee be formed that is included in the organizational meeting of the Town Board to insure continuity of the group. Town Clerk Martha Libroek stated that several other towns in New York State have local laws that outline the make-up of the group, its responsibilities and other items related to cemeteries. Town Attorney Bennett stated that he would prepare a local law once he receives information from the Historian and Town Clerk.

3) Southside Municipal Center parking lot:

Highway Superintendent Gunner obtained prices for paving, stone, blacktop, catch basins and other items necessary for the repaving of the existing lots and construction of additional parking spaces at the east side of the building. Mr. Gunner stated that the stone and blacktop would be at least 80% of the total cost. He stated the plan is to do the work in three segments: the new lot is one and the north lot would be done in two segments. Mr. Gunner said the south lot would be done next year. Town Clerk Martha Libroek stated that the electric line from the building to the light standard in the north parking lot was buried originally and should probably be buried again. These items will be on the June 22, 2015 agenda for consideration.

4) Right of Entry forms:

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated there will be an abundance of surplus fill from the parking lot project and that he has two residents that signed right of entry forms to allow the Town to dump the fill on their property. Supervisor Bach said that this offer of free fill should apply to all Town residents. Mr. Gunner responded that residents would need their own bulldozer to spread the fill. This will be on the June 22, 2015 agenda for consideration.

5) Baseball Diamond Groomer:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting to purchase a new baseball diamond infield groomer. They received quotes ranging from \$14,874 to \$17,315. The groomer would be paid for out of the Parks Equipment Reserve Fund. This will be on the June 22, 2015 agenda for consideration.

6) West Herr vehicle storage lot:

The Zoning Board of Appeals had requested the Town Board to provide comments on a case before the ZBA regarding a request for a vehicle storage lot on Olean Road. The Zoning Board would be lead agency for purposes of SEQR and the Town Board may give an opinion of the SEQR findings. Supervisor Bach stated the Zoning Board could involve the Town's engineer(s). Paul Elwell, Olean Road, voiced his concerns about the project affecting the value of his property and flooding issues.

7) Cold War Veterans Exemptions:

At a prior work session, the Board discussed a tax exemption for Cold War Veterans. A local law will be prepared by Town Attorney Ronald Bennett in order to provide for such exemption. The Board asked that the 10% option be used for the local law.

8) Budget Amendments/Transfers:

The Board discussed the budget amendments and transfers that need to occur as a result of the adoption of Local Law 1-2015, increasing the compensation of the Superintendent of Highways. This will be on the June 22, 2015 agenda for consideration.

9) LED Light Fixtures for Highway Garage:

National Energy Professionals presented a proposal to replace existing wall fixtures, fluorescent fixtures, high-pressure sodium and incandescent fixtures with LED fixtures. The first step will be the incentive paperwork that needs to be sent into NYSEG for pre-approval. Once NYSEG sends back the pre-approval for the incentive, the information will be submitted to the New York Power Authority (NYPA) for the Highway Garage to be added into their current agreement with the Town (for the Southside Municipal Center LED project).

10) NYS EFC Finance Agreement:

The Town is in the process of refinancing (refunding) Water District 18 through the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) State Drinking Water Revolving Fund. The Town was notified that the project will be included in EFC's bond issue scheduled to close on or about August 20, 2015. The financing agreement is the next step in the process.

Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Project Finance agreement for State Drinking Water Revolving Fund Project No. 17151 for the refunding/refinancing of Water District 18. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion.
Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five noes – none Motion carried

Action #177
Supv auth to
sign EFC
funding
agreement –
WD18

11) Request to Surplus Computer Inventory:

The Board discussed the request from Kathleen Moffat, Secretary to the Supervisor, to dispose of old computers and computer accessories and to sanitize the hard drives from the computers. This will be on the June 22, 2015 agenda for consideration.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk