

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
September 22, 2015

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, September 22, 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
	William Wheeler	GHD/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) 43 Manchester Road – Unsafe Building:

Patrick Blizniak, Superintendent of Building, has determined that the house located at 43 Manchester Road is an unsafe building and is in need of repair or demolition. A public hearing was held on September 14, 2015 at which time there were no comments heard. Several of the Board members visited the site and concurred with Mr. Blizniak's report on the condition of the property. The Board finds that the owner did not respond to the notice mailed and posted on the property on August 18, 2015. They also find that the house, if not repairable, should be demolished.

2) Village of East Aurora Dog Census:

Dog Control Officer Sheryl Harris is requesting permission to conduct a house-to-house dog census in the Village of East Aurora beginning in September 2015 and ending in April 2016. The census will ensure that dogs are licensed and have rabies vaccinations.

3) Highway Buildings LED Light Replacement Proposal:

National Energy Professionals has prepared a proposal to replace three (3) wallpacks at the highway garage (251A Quaker) and forty-four lights at the park/maintenance and highway offices building (251B Quaker) with LED lighting. This will be added to the NYPA project at the Southside Municipal Center that is currently underway. A contract/agreement with National Energy Professionals will be drawn up.

4) Proposed Local Laws:

The Town Board is considering:

A) A moratorium on the development or subdivision of land that lacks required public road frontage. This pertains to Aurora Town Code Chapter 79 – Open Development Areas. The Board will set a public hearing on the local law needed to set a moratorium.

B) A moratorium on the subdivision of land and cluster development. This pertains to Aurora Town Code Chapter 99 - Subdivisions. The Board will set a public hearing on the local law needed to set a moratorium.

C) A local law amending the Veterans Exemptions currently offered to include an exemption for Cold War Veterans. According to the Town Assessor, the tax impact will be less than 1 cent per \$1,000 of assessed value. The Board will set a public hearing on this local law.

5) Southside Municipal Center Door and Door Closer replacement:

The double metal exterior doors at SSMC entrance #7 need to be replaced due to their deteriorating condition. Quotes ranging from \$4,359.00 to \$5,528 were received from several vendors.

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One of the door closers at SSMC entrance #5 needs to be replaced. Quotes ranging from \$1,296.43 to \$2,200.00 were received from several vendors. These items will be placed on the September 28th agenda for consideration.

6) Aurora Town Library – bathroom floor replacement:

Supervisor Bach stated that the bathroom floors at the Aurora Town Library on Main Street need to be replaced. He is in receipt of one quote, but needs two more. This will be tabled until the additional quotes are received.

7) Aurora Mills Cluster Subdivision:

After a site visit to the proposed development, the Board requested that the developer make several changes to the cluster subdivision plan. The Board received a revised sketch plan from Patricia Bittar, Sr. Project Manager at Wm. Schutt Associates, for the Aurora Mills Cluster Subdivision. The revised plan includes the following:

- Street layout pushed to the west.
- The entire plan is now all patio homes
- All roads and storm sewers will be private.
- Minimum lot size has increased from 60' x 100' to 60' x 120'.
- Single access point at Mill Road (was two).

Gary Eckert, Eckert Realty, noted that the shaded area on the new plan shows where the old proposal was.

Councilmembers Friess and Jeffe stated they did not especially like the placement of lots 69-89, especially lots 75-89. Mr. Eckert noted that the project would not be viable with any less than 89 units.

Councilman Snyder asked why the increase in lot sizes. Mr. Eckert responded he wasn't sure, but would get an answer to the Board. Councilman Snyder also stated he would like to see the development moved away from the mature wooded area.

The Board wants to visit the site again to see exactly where the development will go.

Mr. Eckert stated they will go back to see if further revisions can be done to reflect the Board's concerns.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk