TOWN OF AURORA TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

November 16, 2010

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Aurora Fire Hall, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a work session:

Present: Jolene M. Jeffe Supervisor

Susan A. Friess

James J. Bach

Jeffrey T. Harris

Councilman

Councilman

Absent/Excused: James F. Collins Councilman

Others Present: Ronald P. Bennett Town Attorney

Bryan Smith Town Engineer

David Gunner Highway Superintendent
William Kramer Code Enforcement Officer
Al Fontanese Planning Board Member

Supervisor Jeffe opened the work session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the following:

1) East Aurora Fire Hall

Craig Thrasher led a tour of the fire hall showing those in attendance the problems the fire department faces at the current location including, but not limited to, flooding, leaking roof, mold, lack of space, and height restrictions. After the tour Mr. Thrasher gave a presentation on the proposed location for a new fire hall (Whaley Avenue near Main Street). He noted that Whaley Avenue would be moved to line up with Paine Street and there would be a traffic light at that intersection to facilitate fire trucks entering onto Main Street from Whaley. The debt service impact for the new fire hall is anticipated to be \$0.25 per \$1000 assessed value for property owners in the fire district which includes Town and Village properties.

2) Recreation Programs on-line registration

Supervisor Jeffe state that Recreation Director Peggy Cooke will be gathering additional information to present to the Board at the December work session regarding an on-line program that would allow users to pay for recreation program registrations with credit or debit cards.

3) 300 Gleed Avenue

Town Engineer Bryan Smith gave an update on the progress of the 10-year capital plan for 300 Gleed. He noted that the roof inspection, duct work assessment, site assessment, interior building assessment and electrical system investigation have been completed. The reports for the HVAC and exterior building assessment are pending. Bryan stated he would have a complete report for the December meeting.

4) Personnel Policy

Supervisor Jeffe stated she wants the Board to review the draft personnel policy they have before them. It is a compilation of the current personnel policy plus miscellaneous policies, including internet use, cell phone use, etc, that have been adopted by this and prior Town Boards over the past several years.

5) Board and Committee Appointments

Supervisor Jeffe stated that several committee and board appointments will expire at the end of this year and that Judy Reischuck, Assistant to the Supervisor, will be leaving in early 2011. Jeffe noted she would like to advertise for these positions in the local paper.

6) Funding/Contracts

Supervisor Jeffe stated that the Town needs to have contacts in place with entities that we provide funding to. Attorney Bennett stated we need to document where public money goes. Several of those funded are: the DARE program, East Aurora Boys & Girls Club, Lothlorien, and others.

7) SWECS Law

Councilwoman Friess noted there has been one change to the proposed WECS law since the last public hearing. The demolition bond requirement has been removed. This will be placed on the 11/22/10 meeting agenda for the Board to set a further public hearing.

8) Code Revisions/Building Department Fee Schedule

Supervisor Jeffe stated that Pat Blizniak, Superintendent of Building, could not be here tonight to review the proposed changes with the Board, so this will be tabled to the December work session.

9) Bowen Road Open Development Area proposal

One issue with the plans submitted for the Open Development Area at SBL #164.00-1-40 Bowen Road was the lack of a cul-de-sac or circular way. Bryan Smith stated that the hammerhead turn-around shown on the plans meets the National Fire Code requirements. This will be placed on the November 22, 2010 meeting agenda.

Martha L. Librock Town Clerk