

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
January 19, 2016

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 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:	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Nancy Smith	Open Space Committee
	William Wheeler	GHD/Engineer

1) Mill Road Overlook - Budget:

The Mill Road Overlook was purchased with funds donated by the Western New York Land Conservancy (WNYLC). Of the \$6,229.04 fund balance, \$5,000.00 is in escrow for the capping of the gas well that is on the property should it cease to be used. The remaining \$1,229.04 should be returned to the WNYLC. Nancy Smith stated that the \$1,229.04 would be used toward the Byway sign that will be erected at the Overlook. Mrs. Smith stated the WNYLC has funds in their account for the Overlook to cover the balance of the cost of the sign.

2) Site Plan Review – 31 Ellicott Road:

The Board reviewed a site plan for an addition to an existing commercial building at 31 Ellicott Road. Councilman Snyder noted his concerns about additional water from the site. Bill Wheeler stated that the SWWP submitted by the developer was incomplete and a review of the stormwater could not be done until the missing pages were received. The developer stated he would provide the missing pages. Once they are received, GHD will continue their review.

3) Knox Road – Open Development Area:

The Aurora Zoning Board of Appeals granted a seventeen (17) feet variance allowing this Open Development Area site to have road/right-of-way frontage of thirty-three (33) feet as opposed to the fifty (50) feet required by Town Code. Supervisor Bach stated that he would like to see a condition, if approved, that there is no stone or other type of gate at the road. This will be put on the 1/25/16 meeting agenda to set a public hearing for the ODA request.

4) Southside Municipal Center – signage:

Councilman Harris presented several variations of signs for the lobby and suites/offices at the Southside Municipal Center. Prices ranged from several hundred dollars to several thousand dollars. Mr. Harris will have a summary and recommendation for the next meeting.

5) Southside Municipal Center – panic alarms:

Supervisor Bach stated he is looking into having panic alarms installed in all the Town offices at the Southside Municipal Center. The alarm would go to a call center and then to the Police Department. Mr. Bach noted he has one quote and will obtain two more.

6) Senior Center Floor Waxing:

Donna Bodekor obtained quotes for stripping, waxing and sealing the floors at the Aurora Senior Center. Bieler Janitorial Services - \$1,202.25 and All Guard Sealer Systems, LLC - \$1,440.00. She noted that ABC Floor Care was asked to quote the job and declined. This will be put on the 1/25/16 meeting agenda.

7) New Wave Energy Contract:

The agreement with New Wave Energy expires this year and the Board discussed its options. It was suggested that New Wave be asked to come in to talk to the Board.

8) Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora – Annual Agreement:

The Board discussed the 2016 funding agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora. The 2016 Town Budget provides \$35,000.00 for the club. This will be put on the 1/25/16 meeting agenda.

9) Aurora Mills Cluster Subdivision:

Gary Eckis and Patricia Bittar were present to discuss the project sketch plan. Mr. Eckis gave a brief overview of the project, noting that the total parcel acreage is 94 acres and that 57 acres will be preserved as green space. He stated that he thinks this is a good transition from the Village to the Town. Purchasers will have 4 or 5 floor plans to choose from. Supervisor Bach, Councilman Snyder, Councilwoman Friess and Councilwoman Jeffe voiced their concern about the size of the project and Mr. Eckis was asked if he could consider fewer units. Mr. Eckis replied that the project would not work with less units and the cost of development could not be recouped if it were any smaller.

Councilwoman Jeffe noted that there has never been a project of this size in our community. Mrs. Jeffe stated it is frustrating not knowing how much the units will cost or what they will look like. Mr. Eckis responded that they do not know the project cost yet and the look would probably be “craftsman” or “Roycrofty”. He stated they would probably cost more than \$350,000. The Aurora Mills Cluster Subdivision sketch plan will be put on the 1/25/16 meeting agenda.

10) Town Road repair:

Highway Superintendent Gunner spoke to the Board about redoing Town roads during the proposed water line replacement that would need to be done in order to go to direct service with the Erie County Water Authority. Mr. Gunner noted Hamlin, Canterbury, Lawrence and Pomander as the roads under consideration.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk