

March 25, 2019

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, New York.

Members Present:	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman/Deputy Supervisor

Absent/Excused:	James J. Bach	Supervisor
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Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	William Wheeler	Engineer/GHD
	Tony Rosati	Zoning Board member
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police
	Paul Porter	Village Trustee

Deputy Supervisor Snyder opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The first item on the agenda was a PUBLIC HEARING on the request from Gregory Schneider for a special use permit for a private four (4)-site campground at 686 Quaker Road. Deputy Supervisor Snyder opened the hearing at 7:02 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to comment.

Mary Parker, Quaker Road, spoke against the proposal citing the following concerns: decrease in her property value, setting a precedent for other vacant or large lots along Route 20A, sanitation/garbage, and headlights exiting the property would be directly into her living room.

Carol Rockhill, Quaker Road, directly next door, stated she is not in favor of the project because two of her bedrooms are on the side of her house facing the campground. Smoke from campfires would be bothersome. Noise from generators would be disturbing. Mrs. Rockhill expressed concern in being able to sell her house if it was next to a campground.

Shane and Andrea Thorn, Grover Road, are concerned with decrease in property value, opening the door to other activities on the property, expansion of the campground, general safety in the neighborhood and what would happen if the property were sold to someone else.

Janice Moffet, Quaker Road, stated it should not be in this neighborhood as the residents put a lot of money into improving their homes and it is a residential neighborhood.

Sheila Brody, Oakridge, spoke against the proposal noting that she is concerned about the safety of people walking on Route 20A, Grover Road and Oakridge. She is concerned that campers will start exploring the area and end up on private property, noting there is a cliff behind some of the homes on Oakridge. Mrs. Brody stated that there are elderly people living at the Trinity apartments to the west of the Mr. Schneider's property and she is concerned for their safety and well-being.

David Romanczak, Oakridge, stated he is not in favor of the project because it sets precedence for future campgrounds on Route 20A, property values will go down, the entrance to the campground is close to Grover Road and Route 20A often has heavy traffic flow.

Arlene Kroh, Oakridge, stated she agrees with everything that has been said so far.

Liz Riemer, Grover Road, stated she is not in favor of the campground. She noted that property values will go down, she is worried about security in the area – especially for the senior residents at Trinity apartments, it would set precedence for other campgrounds, strangers are not “invested” in the area and she does not want a “Woodstock” camping occurrence especially with all the music festivals in the East Aurora area.

Hearing no further comments, Deputy Supervisor Snyder closed the hearing at 7:22 p.m.

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Councilman Harris moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 Town Board work session and meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Friess. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #97
3/11/19 wk
sess & mtg
min aprvd

AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

Councilwoman Friess moved to amend the agenda by adding:

- 6D – Public Hearing for Blakeley Road unsafe building
- 6E – Public Hearing for Local Law Intro 1-2019 – Flood Plain Management
- 6F – Support for Broadband in Erie County

Action #98
Agenda
amended – 3
items added

Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve payment to Cummins Sales and Service in the amount of \$3,143.71, invoice no. W2-5022 for the emergency repair of the generator at the Highway building. The generator failed to engage during a recent power outage and the control panel was not functioning. Funds will be disbursed from A1620.422 Op Building – repair and maintenance. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #99
Payment to
Cummins for
generator
repair aprvd

Councilman Harris moved to approve Civil Service Title change for Jennifer Calkins from Clerk PT to Clerk PT Seasonal in the building department effective April 29, 2019 for twenty weeks to be able to work up to 39.5 hours to accommodate the Building Department during the busy season. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #100
J. Calkins
title change
aprvd

Councilman Harris moved to declare the 2016 Kenworth truck that was recently totaled in an accident as surplus inventory to be declared salvage material. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #101
2016
Kenworth
dump truck
declared
surplus for
salvage

Councilwoman Friess moved to set Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at in the Auditorium at 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY, as the date, time and place to hold a public hearing on an unsafe building at 2250 Blakeley Road, PO East Aurora, NY, SBL#188.01-1-21, reputedly owned by Foison Holdings LLC, Bronx, NY. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #102
Public
hearing set
for unsafe
house at 2250
Blakeley

Councilwoman Friess moved to set Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at in the Auditorium at 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY, as the date, time and place to hold a public hearing on a Local Law titled Chapter 68 – Flood Damage Prevention. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #103
Public
hearing set
for Local
Law – flood
damage
prevention

Councilwoman Friess moved to support bringing Broadband infrastructure and access to all of Erie County and to support the Erie Legislature Resolution supporting recommendations from the Erie County Broadband Feasibility Study and urging the County Executive to re-impanel the County Broadband Committee. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #104
Board
supports
Broadband
for Erie
County

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – The following communications and reports were received by the Board and filed:

- Recreation Director – February 2019 report
- Supervisor – February 2019 report
- Letter from resident commending EAPD Officer Brenden O’Hara

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND LIAISONS: none

AUDIENCE II:

Paul Porter asked if a traffic light could be installed at the intersection of Reiter Road and Route 20A in light of last week’s accident. Councilman Harris responded that the accident did not occur at the intersection, but was directly in front of his house. It was also noted that Route 20A is a State road and the Town has no jurisdiction to install a traffic signal.

STAFF REPORTS:

Tony Rosati noted that the ZBA recently approved a variance for an 800sf single-family house (1200sf is the minimum required). He stated that there is rising interest in small houses and would encourage cluster development. Mr. Rosati suggested asking the Planning Board how and where affordable senior housing could be built in the Town.

Shane Krieger stated that the EAPD newest police officer, Corey Specht, started today.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

The Abstract of Claims dated March 25, 2019, consisting of vouchers numbered 327 to 421, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$ 61,063.16
Highway	65,646.87
Capitol/Twn Hall	1,623.14
Special Districts	<u>2,701.56</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$ 131,034.73

Councilwoman Friess moved to approve the 3/25/19 Abstract of Claims, and authorize payment of same. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #105
3/25/19
Abstract of
Claims aprvd

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Harris. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #106
Meeting
adjourned

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk