

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
April 8, 2019

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Southside Municipal Center Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a work session:

Present:	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman/Deputy Supervisor
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Asst. Code Enforcement officer
	Kathleen Moffat	Asst. to Supervisor
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Jerry Thompson	Planning Board member
	Tony Rosati	ZBA member
	William Wheeler	Engineer/GHD

Supervisor Bach led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) Time Warner/Spectrum pricing agreement:

Previously, Supervisor Bach signed an agreement with Time Warner/Spectrum for high-speed internet at several Town buildings. In the interim, the high-speed internet was not made available to the Town and the (new) Spectrum representative is stating that the price has gone up and a new agreement needs to be signed. Kathleen Moffat stated that the \$99 one-time installation fee per location is being waived, the necessary equipment (routers/controllers) was purchased by the Town in 2018, and the IT labor is for WNYnetworks to install the new routers. The high-speed internet is being provided to the Senior Center, Highway Department, Town offices at 300 Glead Ave., and the Court office at 571 Main Street.

2) Recycle Bin Purchase and Budget Amendment:

The Town Clerk is requesting Board approval to purchase 500 curbside recycle bins. Three quotes were obtained:

Orbis	\$5.70 per bin
Recycle Away	\$7.95 per bin
Waste Management	\$10.80 per bin

In the past, recycle bins were purchased through the Rubbish (SR) fund. Since recycling is part of the garbage contract, the bins should be purchased from the Garbage (SG) fund. This was discussed with the Town's auditors and they agreed. Kathleen Moffat prepared a memo to the Board for a budget amendment and transfer to set up an appropriation line in the SG fund for recycling totes.

3) Lot splits/Code revisions:

At the March 25, 2019 work session the Town Board discussed possible changes to the Zoning Code that would prevent a parcel with 125' of frontage, but with very little depth at that width to be a buildable lot without going through the Open Development Area process. The issue was given to the Planning Board, who at their April 3rd meeting tabled the discussion in order to do further research. Jerry Thompson, Planning Board member, stated that the Planning Board wants time to review ODA, driveway, legal lot size and other issues before sending their recommendations back to the Town Board. It was suggested that the Planning Board try to meet more than once per month to address the issues.

4) West Falls Fire Department request to use JP Nicely West Falls Park:

Bill Petrie from the West Falls Fire Department (WFFD) met with the Board at their March 25, 2019 work session to discuss the use of JP Nicely West Falls Park for the WFFD's 100th Anniversary. The WFFD was waiting for permission from the Aurora Waldorf School to be able to park at the school. That permission was received last week.

5) Consolidated Water District Dissolution referendum update:

The Town Clerk advised the Board that she has been in contact with the Erie County Board of Elections regarding the April 30, 2019 Special Election. The Board of Elections will provide voting machines, ballots (regular and absentee), a list of election inspectors, and any other assistance that the Town may need. The Auditorium at 300 Glead has been reserved for the election that will take place from 12:00 pm (noon) until 8:00 pm. Supervisor Bach stated that a fact sheet should be prepared to inform voters exactly what they are voting on.

6) AFLAC updates agreement:

An AFLAC representative met with Robert Goller, Secretary to the Supervisor, to review the plans offered to employees. AFLAC is offered to full- and part-time employees and is paid 100 percent by the employee. Approval is requested to authorize the Supervisor to sign an updated AFLAC account agreement.

7) Route 20A/Reiter Road intersection:

Supervisor Bach received an email from a Reiter Road resident concerned about the traffic situation at the intersection of Reiter Road and Route 20A, noting that it has been the site of many accidents. Attorney Bennett will ask the Wales Town Board if they want to join Aurora in sending a letter to the State DOT requesting a speed reduction and or more signs warning of the intersection.

8) ODA – 623 Knox Road:

Frank and Shari Downing submitted an application for an Open Development Area (ODA) at 623 Knox Road. The application was forwarded to the Planning Board, who at their 4/3/19 meeting voted to recommend approval of their proposal to build a house and accessory building (barn) on the property.

9) Castle Hill Pump Station repair:

On March 19, 2019 an emergency repair (pump replacement) was made at the Castle Hill Pump Station. The request to approve the \$4,320 (invoice 031919-01) from Mechanical Equipment Sales, LLC, for a new pump was pulled from the 3/25/19 agenda by the Highway Superintendent and resubmitted for tonight's meeting. In addition to this invoice, Mechanical Equipment Sales LLC is being paid for removal of the old pump and for modifications to and installation of the new pump (invoice 032919-01 for \$2,695.00).

10) Miscellaneous Items:

Councilman Harris visited 2250 Blakeley Road with the SW Fire Chief and it was determined that the building was too dangerous for the fire department to perform a controlled burn.

Councilwoman Jeffe will be meeting with Library Director, Paul K. to discuss building improvements, noting that the Friends of the Library have the funds to pay for new lighting and signage. Mrs. Jeffe also noted that Aurora Mills held an open house last weekend that was well attended.