

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
June 10, 2019

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 5:30 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
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	William Wheeler	Engineer/GHD
	Kathleen Moffat	Assistant to Supervisor

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

1) Polo Grounds:

Frank Chinnici, developer for the Polo Grounds cluster subdivision, is requesting to modify the plan by allowing the final 2-family home on Cheval to be changed to two single-family homes. There is one single-family already built on Cheval. In a letter to the Town Board dated May 14, 2019, Mr. Chinnici stated that there is no interest from buyers for a 2-family building. Supervisor Bach asked when the walking path was going to be put in. Mr. Chinnici responded that they do not have any place to put it, insurance will not allow it with a steep grade and none of the residents want it.

Councilman Snyder stated he did not have a problem with a total of three single units on Cheval.

Tom Kosakowski, president of the Polo Grounds Board of Managers, stated the original location for the walking path is too steep and suggested a site that already has steps. Supervisor Bach suggested that the Board members visit the site to see where the steps are located.

The Board agreed that a resolution would need to be drafted before it can be voted on. The density needs to be figured out. Councilman Snyder wants to review the landscaping plan for the project.

2) Blakeley Road – Open Development Area (ODA) application:

Eric Osmanski, as agent for Michael and Nicole Krieger owners of vacant land at SBL#187.00-2-21.31 Blakeley Road, is requesting approval of an ODA for a single family residence at that location. Bill Kramer stated that his concern is the distance from the east lot line at the 50' wide portion of the parcel to the actual edge of the water (pond). The Board explained to Mr. Osmanski that this ODA application will be forwarded to the Planning Board for review and recommendation.

3) Out-of-District Water – Beech at Center:

Bernard and Kathleen Kotarski, owners of the property at the southwest corner of Beech and Center are requesting permission from the Town to become out-of-district water customers to the Village of East Aurora. The Town does not have watermains at that location.

4) Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate member:

Town resident Timothy Stroth has expressed interest in filling the Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member vacancy.

5) Assessor Appointment:

This will be tabled until the last meeting in August or first meeting in September on the recommendation of the Town Attorney who stated the appointment should not be made too far in advance of the beginning of the term when there is no vacancy.

6) Mobile Hot Spots – Community Pool/Hamlin Park:

At a previous work session, the Board discussed the use of Verizon Hot Spots vs. Spectrum internet at Community Pool and Hamlin Park. In a recent memo to the Board, Kathleen Moffat noted that the Town can purchase 2GB data for \$31.99/month or unlimited data for \$39.99/month per Hotspot. The service can be suspended at no cost for the months that the pool and park are not open. The Board favored the unlimited data option.

7) Temporary Use Permit – Knox Farm State Park:

Mike Wolff and Lynn Broderick of Up and Over Dog Sports have submitted an application for a temporary use permit to hold a dog agility trial event at the Equestrian Park at Knox Farm State Park. Set-up would be on August 1 and the agility events would be August 2-4, 2019. Board members noted that they have held this event at the park for several years.

8) John Mills letter re: drivers licenses for illegal immigrants:

The Board discussed reasons why they would or would not agree to issuing a letter of support documenting the Town as not approving drivers' licenses for illegal immigrants. Supervisor Bach stated he would like to see the whole bill that is before the State legislature.

9) ECWA Direct Service resolution:

The resolution approving the Direct Service Agreement with the Erie County Water Authority was discussed. In 2014, the Town and ECWA entered into a memorandum of understanding whereby the ECWA would take over the Town watermains, tanks, pump stations, etc., through a direct service agreement. The Town Board will vote on the direct service agreement at tonight's meeting and the ECWA will vote on June 13, 2019.

10) Property Donation to Town:

The Board will request a written proposal from Don Owens for the property he would like to donate to the Town.

11) Budget Amendment – Capital Project:

Kathleen Moffat is requesting Board approval for a budget amendment to properly record the transfer of assigned fund balance in the General Fund to the Senior Center and Fire Hall Purchase/Renovation Capital projects.

12) Budget Transfer – 2018 Year-end Correction:

Kathleen Moffat is requesting Board approval for a budget transfer to correct an entry regarding the NYPA loan that resulted in an overdrawn appropriation line.

Martha L. Librock, Town Clerk