

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
July 22, 2019

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, July 22, 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
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Assistant Code Enforcement Officer
	William Wheeler	Engineer/GHD

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

1) Security & Custodial Agreement/Bank of Holland:

The Town of Aurora maintains public deposits with the Bank of Holland. The Bank of Holland presented a Security and Custodial Agreement for the Supervisor to sign. The agreement will be in effect until such time that it is terminated by either party in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

2) Letter of Support for Village of East Aurora grant application:

The Village of East Aurora is applying for a grant through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for reconstruction of the Tannery Brook culvert that extends from South Willow Street and continues underground in a southwesterly direction toward Oakwood Avenue, allowing Tannery Brook to flow into Cazenovia Creek. Village officials are requesting a letter of support from the Town that they can include with the grant application. This is a climate change grant and to obtain funding the Village has to show how climate change has affected the region and caused the problem(s) with the culvert.

3) Boiler Repair – Community Pool:

Supervisor Bach stated that several weeks ago he received a call from Chris Musshafen, Recreation Director, that the boiler at Community Pool was not working. The Supervisor gave approval to have it repaired under emergency conditions. Councilman Snyder questioned the work that was done and the amount charged and stated he wants to speak with Tri-R Mechanical for clarification of the invoice before the Board approves payment.

4) Engineering – North Grove Bridge design/replacement:

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated he sent out RFP's to Engineering firms for quotes for designing and assisting with the replacement of the North Grove Street bridge in the Village of East Aurora. Proposals were received from:

- Foit Albert Associates \$17,000
- GHD Consulting Services \$17,500
- Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. \$27,750

5) North Grove Street Box Culvert – notice to bidders:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting the Board to set a bid opening date for the furnishing and placement of a box culvert in Tannery Brook at North Grove Street in the Village of East Aurora.

6A) 840 Quaker Road/ODA:

The Aurora Planning Board re-reviewed the application for an ODA at 840 Quaker Road at their July meeting. After discussing the proposal with the property owner, Mark Katilus, the Planning Board voted to rescind a previous recommendation and to recommend the ODA with the condition that a berm with evergreen trees be installed at the front lot line where it is the rear lot line of 856 Quaker to screen the proposed house from the neighbor. They also recommended a front yard setback of 75 feet. The Board discussed this at length, noting that the proposed location of the house requires a front yard setback variance and the lot being less than 3 acres requires a lot size variance. Councilwoman Jeffe stated that the variance should come when a building permit is requested. Attorney Bennett suggested that the owner sell the lot with the provision that the sale is contingent upon the prospective buyer receiving variance(s) to build a home – a contract with contingencies.

6B) Vacant Lot Blakeley Road/ODA:

The Aurora Planning Board reviewed the application for an ODA at SBL#187.00-2-21.31 Blakeley Road as presented by Eric Osmanski, agent for owners Michael and Nicole Krieger. The lot is located on the north side of Blakeley, west of Center Street. The Planning Board recommended that the Town Board approve this ODA proposal for a single-family residence as presented. No variances are requested at this time. A prior variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals allowed for the pond on the property to be split with several other parcels, with no setback of the pond from the lot lines.

6C) Vacant Lot Olean Road/Rezoning request:

The Aurora Planning Board reviewed the application from Todd Lehmann to rezone a vacant lot at SBL#188.01-1-13.3 Olean Road (west side of Olean just south of the Route 400 on/off ramps) from RR to B2. Mr. Lehmann is proposing to construct a building to house his jewelry making business. Elizabeth Cassidy stated that if the rezoning were approved, the applicant would then need a special use permit and site plan approval.

6D) 12 Old Glenwood Road/Special Use Permit request:

The Aurora Planning Board tabled the request from Natalka Prytula for a special use permit for a restaurant/bar at 12 Old Glenwood Road, asking that the applicant provide a detailed site plan from a qualified architect, engineer or draftsman, showing detailed measurements and parking spaces.

6E) 1089 Davis Road/Special Use Permit:

The Aurora Planning Board reviewed the request from Michael Gish for a special use permit for a construction business and office at 1089 Davis Road, PO West Falls. The Planning Board recommended that the Town Board approve the request. Councilwoman Jeffe stated she wants to see a site plan showing where equipment and any construction materials will be stored, along with employee parking. Councilman Snyder stated that the equipment is now in the parking lot.

7) Knox Farm State Park Polo Field/ Use by Buffalo Polo Club:

Phil Van der Burgt, President of the Buffalo Polo Club, spoke with Supervisor Bach. The Supervisor reported that Mr. Van der Burgt wants control of Polo events at the polo fields and assurance that no one else will use the polo field. Supervisor Bach stated that he told Mr. Van der Burgt that the Town allows other events such as soccer, dog agility trials and carriage events to use the field and that it would not be exclusive to polo matches. Mr. Van der Burgt would like

assurance that for the next five years he can hold a polo match at the Knox Polo fields the third weekend of July. The Board discussed setting a \$1,000 application fee for polo events. Supervisor Bach asked Attorney Bennett to draft an agreement between the Town and the Buffalo Polo Club for the Board to review.

8) Change Orders for the Aurora Municipal Center project:

Councilman Snyder explained that the Aurora Municipal Center project contracts do not contain contingency for anything unexpected that might need to be done during the renovation of the old fire hall. The Board discussed how to handle change orders. Councilman Snyder suggested that if a change order is required the architect, clerk of the works and one Board member be allowed to approve the change in order to prevent delays in the project. Councilwoman Friess stated that a special meeting could be called to approve the change order. Attorney Bennett agreed with the special meeting suggestion.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk