

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
September 9, 2019

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed 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
	Kathleen Moffat	Asst. to Supervisor/Bookkeeper
	Camie Jarrell	Engineer/GHD
	Jeff Smith	Municipal Solutions

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

1) 840 Quaker Road - ODA:

The Town Board discussed the draft resolutions for the 840 Quaker ODA application. The first resolution addresses the two variances required: 1) lot size variance – 3 acres is required and the buildable area of this lot is approximately 2 acres; and 2) front yard setback variance – 200 feet is required and the applicant is requesting 100 feet.

The second resolution is for approval of the Open Development Area. The resolution addresses the two variances and needs to address the requirement of a berm, 3-feet high, at the front lot line extending from the west lot line to the west side of the ravine on the property. The Board determined that the berm should be planted with 6' tall fir trees staggered at 10-foot intervals.

2) 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. Mr. Gish stated if he were to build a shed for the equipment, he would need at least a year's time to build it. He noted that he would like to be able to park his service truck, van and two trailers in the parking lot. Councilman Snyder stated the plows, excavator and other equipment needs to be moved to the back. Supervisor Bach stated the Town is trying to avoid having a junk yard at this location.

Councilwoman Jeffe stated that the area where the equipment will be stored needs to be fenced. Councilman Snyder noted that it needs either a stockade type fence or be in an enclosed building per Town Code. Mr. Gish asked if he could have one year to settle this. Councilwoman Jeffe responded, no. Supervisor Bach stated the Board would not vote on the special use permit request tonight, but would table their decision until the next Board meeting.

3) Analysis of Town Debt:

Jeff Smith, Pres. of Municipal Solutions, spoke to the Board about Town debt. Mr. Smith noted that in a couple of years the overall debt service would drop by approximately \$300,000. The Board and Mr. Smith discussed bundling future costs into one bond to save on fixed costs. They discussed the need for cash flow amounts from the contractors working on the Aurora Municipal Center (AMC); including a chart showing how much will be spent for each month until the end of construction, along with the amount spent to date on the AMC. Mr. Smith also needs cash flow for the North Grove Bridge project and a delivery date estimate for the highway equipment.

4) Amended Highway 284 (DA fund) agreement:

At their last work session, the Board discussed ways to provide the funds for the amended Highway 284 DA Fund agreement presented by Highway Superintendent Gunner. The amended agreement is for \$215,520.00 and would supersede the agreement for \$35,000 approved on June 24, 2019.

5) Knox Polo Field – Use Agreement with Buffalo Polo Club:

The Board and Town Attorney discussed further changes to the proposed agreement with the Buffalo Polo Club to hold two polo events at Knox Farm State Park each year for the next five years.

6) Polo Grounds Subdivision – Planning Board response:

The Planning Board recommendation for the request to build an additional single-family unit on Cheval Road at the Polo Grounds subdivision is to forward it to the Zoning Board of Appeals as that Board previously granted a variance in 2014.

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk