

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
August 24, 2020

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a work session:

Present:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Luke Wochensky	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	Chris Musshafen	Recreation/Aquatics Director
	Donna Bodekor	Senior Center Director
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	William Wheeler	Engineer/GHD
	Tony Rosati	Zoning Board Member
	Shane Krieger	Chief of Police

Although this work session was held “in-person”, due to the coronavirus/Covid19 pandemic, it was also live-streamed via Zoom and YouTube in accordance with NYS Executive Order 202.1 – *Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or similar service: Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such action authorized by the law without permitting public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.*

Supervisor Bach opened the session at 6:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and noted the regular meeting would begin immediately after the work session.

1) West Falls Conservation Club – Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail (Rails to Trails):

Jack Bouquin, President of the West Falls Conservation Club (WFCC), spoke to the Board about the Club’s position on the proposed Rails to Trails – Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail project on the old railroad corridor. Mr. Bouquin stated the trail bisects the WFCC property where gun and bow shooting takes place on a regular basis. He noted that the WFCC is not against the trail IF the WFCC can remain in existence. The club has been using the property since 1943. Mr. Bouquin noted that a prior Town Board had passed a resolution of opposition for the trail project in the Town of Aurora and he hopes the resolution of opposition still stands. Mr. Bouquin stated he hopes that there will not be a resolution of support unless the WFCC can continue to use their property as they are and have been.

Councilman Wochensky thanked Mr. Bouquin and the WFCC for all they do. Mr. Wochensky stated he is a supporter of the Rails to Trails – Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail only if the WFCC is made whole.

Supervisor Bach stated the Supervisors of the towns of Colden and Orchard Park have the same thoughts as the Town of Aurora does and that several things need to be mitigated.

Councilwoman Jeffe stated she attended many Rails to Trails meetings early on and her opposition still stands until the WFCC issue and other items are mitigated.

Mr. Bouquin explained the NYSDEC rules about distances to shoot near residences, parks, etc., and expressed concern because the trail will be a park.

Councilman Snyder would be supportive of the trail if all the problems were resolved and the WFCC can stay the same as they are.

Supervisor Bach stated he would keep Mr. Bouquin informed of anything the Town may do with regard to the trail.

2) East Aurora Lacrosse – Use of Warren Drive Park:

Colleen Aungst, President of the East Aurora Lacrosse Association (EALA), and Scott More reviewed the draft contract between the Town and EALA for use of a portion of Warren Drive Park for Lacrosse practices, games and events. Scott More asked if they had to bring their own AED's to the field. The response was yes. Mr. More asked why the clause stating the Town will provide soil and excavation for the fields was removed. Highway Superintendent Gunner stated it could be looked at down the road, but the field is usable.

The EALA field use schedule will be added to the contract as an attachment. Colleen Aungst noted they would most likely use the fields from May through October. Mr. More stated they would like to do a public unveiling in Spring 2021.

The Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk will work on a map of the park showing where the lacrosse fields will be. This will be added to the contract as an attachment.

Supervisor Bach stated that the EALA board of directors should review the contract and approve it before the Town considers approval.

3) Highway – Request to purchase Bucket (Basket) Truck:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting approval to purchase a new bucket truck. Mr. Gunner noted that the Town's old truck was sold. The new truck is approved for use around wires and is complete for all tree work. Kenworth Northeast submitted a letter stating the truck is scheduled for a 2021 delivery, but if the budget line to purchase the truck is not approved by the Town Board for the 2021 budget, Kenworth Northeast will release the town from the sales agreement with no penalty. The total truck and equipment price is \$142,633.00.

4) AMC – Kiercom Change Order No. 1 – cabling:

Kiercom Communications submitted a change order to run two (2) cat6 plenum cables from the new Town Hall server room to the network cabinet at the Senior Center at a cost of \$600. This is for a network feed for internet connection between the two buildings.

5) Community Pool – use requests:

Chris Musshafen is requesting approval for the EAST swim team to use Community Pool until the end of September for practices. He stated that the EAST Booster Club will cover the cost to keep the pool open from Labor Day through the end of September.

The Tri-Town Aquatic Club is requesting to extend their use of the pool from August 24, 2020 through September 4, 2020 for swimming practice. They had previously signed a contract to use the pool until August 21.

The Hamburg Swim Club is requesting to extend their use of the pool from August 24, 2020 through September 4, 2020 for swimming practice. They had previously signed a contract to use the pool until August 21.

6) Cyber Security Policy:

Councilman Wochensky presented his version of a Cyber Security Policy for the Board and Town Attorney to review.

7) Social Media Policy:

Councilman Wochensky presented a draft of a Social Media Policy for the Board and Town Attorney to review. Councilwoman Jeffe suggested that each Board member review the policy and give their comments. Councilwoman Friess stated she would like to see what other towns are doing with social media.