

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
January 21, 2014

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Southside Municipal Center Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a work session.

Present:	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Patrick Blizniak	Supt. of Building
	Peggy Cooke	Recreation Director
	Bill Wheeler	CRA (Engineer)
	Bryan Smith	CRA (Engineer)

Supervisor Bach opened the work session at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Those present met to discuss the following:

1) Aurora Community Gardens – update:

Supervisor Bach stated he met with Ed and Martha Collins earlier today regarding the Aurora Community Gardens (ACG) located off of South Street. Attorney Bennett stated that he has corresponded with the attorney who formed the corporation who now holds the deed for the property and has asked the attorney to show how this was a valid conveyance. Dick Wiesen, Linden Ave., stated he has been a member of the ACG on and off for about 30 years, part of that time on the board of directors. Mr. Wiesen noted there are by-laws and rules and encourages people to rent a plot at the ACG. He also stated it is a legally established organization. Supervisor Bach asked Mr. Wiesen if there was a list of members. His response was the goal of the ACG is to increase that list. Supervisor Bach stated that the Town Attorney will continue to handle the matter at this point.

2) Rezoning - 992 Olean:

Attorney Bennett noted that Mr. Pressing delivered a full plotted survey of the property showing the front of the property as the area he wants to use for his business. Mr. Pressing noted the remainder would be agricultural. Councilman Snyder felt there could be a problem policing it if there were two zones and suggested the entire parcel be zoned B1 with the stipulation that there is no outside storage. Councilwoman Friess asked why the size limit on the proposed building. Mr. Pressing said it would be 2495 square feet. Councilman Snyder noted that was just under the square footage of 2500' that requires a site plan review. The Board discussed the pros and cons of rezoning the whole parcel to B1 versus part B1 and part A. Supervisor Bach stated that B1 zoning could be more restrictive and the Board could collectively come up with additional restrictions such as hours of operation; storage; fencing, etc. Mr. Pressing was asked how long it would take to accomplish having the new building erected. He responded one year. Councilman Harris stated that his concern is that Mr. Pressing won't get around to erecting the building he is proposing. Mr. Pressing asked what happens to his three horses, etc., if it were rezoned to all B1. Councilwoman Jeffe asked if the Town Attorney would draft a restrictive covenant.

3) Erie County Water Authority – Bulk Water Sale:

Previously the Town Board entered into an agreement with the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) whereby the Town would purchase water from the authority for Water Districts 1 South, 7, 11, Improvement Area 7 and Mary Jane Lane in District 12. Supervisor Bach stated that the master meters for both areas had been switched out on 1/17/14. (Village meters were pulled and ECWA meters were installed.)

4) Elma Water Rate Increase:

Supervisor Bach stated that the Town received notification from Elma that their water rates are being increased by 2% and the new rates will be applied starting with the February 2014 bill. Councilwoman Jeffe noted that the Board should look at all water rates in Town managed districts.

5) Baseball Transition Plan:

Councilwoman Friess stated that the Town's baseball program has about 550 players and the program takes up a lot of staff time and there is a proposal to gradually spin-off the program and have it run like the Aurora Arsenal Soccer club or Little Loop Football. Mrs. Friess noted that neighboring towns no longer have baseball as a town recreation program, but have a separate program with a decision making league board of directors. Councilwoman Friess and Peggy Cooke are meeting with baseball personnel on 1/22/14 to discuss this.

6) Swim/Recreation Director update:

Peggy Cooke stated that since advertising for the new position began in November 2013, five (5) resumes have been received. Mrs. Cooke noted there needs to be a plan for an interview process as there are three stakeholders – the recreation department, EAST swim program and the Town Board. She would like to see someone start at the position part time beginning in March 2014 and then go to full time by June. Mrs. Cooke noted she would like to begin the interview process as soon as possible. Supervisor Bach will check with Kathleen Moffat as to the status of the new civil service title the Town is requesting.

7) Highway Garage Lights:

New lights (inside and outside) are proposed to be installed at the highway garage at 250 Quaker Road. RAV wall packs are being recommended for the exterior and T-5's for the inside. Pat Blizniak stated that they are looking to purchase the lights and have them installed in-house. This will be placed on the 1/27/14 agenda.

8) Pool Overhead Door:

Quotes to replace the overhead door on the pool boiler room building were received from:

Rupp Overhead Door	\$ 671.00
National Overhead Door	\$ 998.00
Hamburg Overhead Door	\$1175.00

The quotes include removing the old door and providing and installing the new door. It was determined that the low bid is below \$750 and will not need Town Board approval. Councilman Snyder stated that the door needs to have a 1x4 installed over it.

9) EA Boys & Girls Club Agreement:

The Board discussed the annual funding agreement that the Town has entered into for several years, whereby the Boys & Girls Club provides services and programs to the youth of Aurora. This year's agreement is for \$35,000, payable in four installments. This will be placed on the 1/27/14 agenda.

10) Explore & More Museum – Touch-A-Truck Event:

Barbara Leggett, Executive Director of Explore & More is requesting permission to hold its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Touch-A-Truck event on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 300 Gleed. The request includes use of the north and south parking lots, use of the grass area behind the building (not the baseball diamonds), and use of the gymnasium. This will be placed on the 1/27/14 agenda.

11) A. Fontanese Resignation:

The Supervisor and Town Clerk received a letter of resignation from Al Fontanese, a member of the Town Planning Board for 28 years. Acceptance of the resignation will be placed on the 1/27/14 agenda.

12) Phone System Maintenance Agreement:

Kiercom Communications has presented a proposal for an annual maintenance agreement for the Avaya phone system currently in use at the Town offices at 300 Gleed. Several pieces of information are still needed from the contractor, including the hourly billing rate.

13) Town Disaster Plan:

Supervisor Bach stated that after experiencing the 2014 blizzard he would like to have an up-to-date disaster plan in place for the Town, including a plan for each Town building. The plan would include a communication tree, evacuation route(s), etc. Councilwoman Jeffe noted that Craig Thrasher of the East Aurora Fire Dept. was working on a plan on a larger scale for the Town, East Aurora Schools and the Village. Supervisor Bach asked Councilman Harris to gather information needed such as phone numbers, emergency contacts, email addresses, etc.

14) Records Storage Building:

Councilman Snyder reported that the quotes for the renovation/remodeling of part of the Southside Municipal Center for a records storage room were received earlier today. The quotes were:

\$38,500.00	Rhoades General Contractors
\$22,031.00	NewCal Construction
\$21,967.80	Straightline General Contractors
\$18,465.71	Diebolt Woodworks

Previously quotes for the HVAC portion of the project were received from:

Solly Industries	\$6821.00
Tri-R	\$9209.00
JMM Ent.	\$7250.00

Mr. Snyder stated he and Dick Glover reviewed the proposals and both low bidders met the specs. This will be placed on the January 27, 2014 agenda.

15) Emery Road culvert replacement/waterline relocation:

Erie County will be replacing a culvert on Emery Road (near Emery Park). A temporary waterline needs to be installed to provide continued water service while the existing waterline is being replaced as part of the culvert replacement project. Since the waterline is owned by the Town, the Supervisor is being asked to sign the NYS Department of Health "Application of Approval of Plans for Public Water Supply Improvements" to be included with the application package being submitted to the NYSDOH by the project engineer. This will be placed on the January 27, 2014 agenda.

Councilwoman Friess moved to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, with no action being taken during the session; seconded by Councilman Harris. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five  
noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #16  
Board enters  
executive session

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to come out of executive session at 9:30 pm; seconded by Councilman Harris. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five  
noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #17  
Board exits  
executive session

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk