

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
October 21, 2014

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

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| Present: | Jeffrey T. Harris | Councilman   |
|          | Jolene M. Jeffe   | Councilwoman |
|          | Susan A. Friess   | Councilwoman |
|          | Charles D. Snyder | Councilman   |
|          | James J. Bach     | Supervisor   |

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| Others Present: | Ronald Bennett  | Town Attorney          |
|                 | David Gunner    | Highway Superintendent |
|                 | William Wheeler | CRA Engineer           |
|                 | Kathy Lasher    | Friends of Mill Road   |

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) Mill Road Overlook – complaints:

Kathy Lasher spoke to the Board about two complaints that she was aware of concerning loud noise and drinking at the Mill Road Overlook. Supervisor Bach stated he will contact the Police Chief to request more frequent patrolling of the area and to make the police department aware that it is Town property. The Board discussed the possibility of closing the site during the winter, citing high snowbanks, site line and plowing as a few of the reasons to consider this. Supervisor Bach responded that we can keep it open and use this year as a test year to see what happens.

2) Health Insurance Update:

The Town carries health insurance for employees through BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS). The plan renews December 1, 2014 with an increase in rates. As of January 1, 2015 the rates will decrease. BCBS is allowing those whose renewals are in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, such as ours, to renew again in January in order to take advantage of the lower premiums. The Supervisor will have to sign the necessary paperwork for both renewal dates. The new rates are as follow:

|                       | <u>12/1/14 Renewal</u> |                       | <u>1/1/15 Renewal</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Employee Only         | \$401.01               | Employee Only         | \$360.40              |
| Employee & Child(ren) | \$681.72               | Employee & Child(ren) | \$612.69              |
| Employee & Spouse     | \$802.02               | Employee & Spouse     | \$720.80              |
| Family                | \$1142.88              | Family                | \$1027.14             |

Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the renewal contracts with BlueCross BlueShield for employee health insurance effective December 1, 2014 and January 1, 2015. Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five  
noes – none  
Motion carried.

Action #334  
Supv. auth to  
sign BCBS  
health insurance  
contracts 2014  
& 2015

3) Electronics Recycling:

Highway Superintendent David Gunner spoke to the Board about the Town's electronic recycling program. He noted that when we started the program three years ago, the Town was being paid for the electronics that were recycled. Now, the Town is being charged for televisions with cathode ray tubes (CRT's), with the most recent bill being around \$800. Mr. Gunner stated that the Town has finished electronic collection for 2014 and suggested that the program be discontinued or looked at again next Spring to see if things have changed.

4) Fluorescent Light Replacement at Southside Municipal Center (SSMC):

At a prior work session a presentation was made by National Energy Professionals regarding replacing fluorescent lights with LED lights at the SSMC. Bill Wheeler did an analysis of the information presented and the SSMC electric bills. He noted that there could be a monthly savings of \$4800, but it would be after 5 years that the Town would see the true savings if the Town financed the cost of the project through the NY Power Authority. NYS Energy Law Article 9 allows a municipality to issue a written request for proposals rather than go out for formal bids.

5) Special Meeting with Village of East Aurora:

The Supervisor discussed holding a joint meeting with the Village of East Aurora on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Three of the Board members noted that they are, unfortunately, not available on that day. Councilwoman Jeffe stated she would like to begin looking at some of the agreements that the Town has with the Village, including fire protection, building department, and Hamlin Park, to see if updates are needed.

6) Southside Municipal Center - lease:

Joshua Penfold, Protelcom Supply (Penfold Group, LLC) is interested in leasing office space on the second floor of the Southside Municipal Center (300 Gleed Avenue). The term of the lease is one (1) year at an annual rate of \$4,800. The Board needs to authorize the Supervisor to sign the lease agreement.

7) Southside Municipal Center signage and mailboxes:

The Board discussed signage and mailboxes for tenants of the SSMC. Suite number, exterior and directional signs for tenants at the SSMC will be looked into along with additional mailboxes for the mailroom.

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk