

February 23, 2015

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Aurora took place on Monday, February 23, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, New York.

Members Present:	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Martha Librock	Town Clerk
	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
Others Present:	Edward Snyder	Deputy Town Attorney
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	William Wheeler	Engineer/CRA
	Ron Krowka	Chief of Police

Supervisor Bach opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 Town Board work session; seconded by Councilwoman Friess. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four	noes – none	Motion carried	Action #45 2/9/15 Town Board meeting min approved.
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AUDIENCE I: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Supervisor Bach read a letter from the NYS Department of Transportation informing the Town that they had completed their traffic engineering investigation related to the Town's June 9, 2014 request for a reduced speed limit on Blakeley Road between Olean Road and Underhill Road. Based on the NYSDOT review, the existing 45MPH speed limit will not be reduced at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Stables at Knox, Inc. are requesting a temporary use permit for a polo match at the polo field, soccer field, and equestrian park area of Knox Farm State Park. Representative Betsy Wallace stated the set-up would be the same as last year. Supervisor Bach stated that the NYS Parks and the Arsenal Soccer Club are both okay with the request.	Action #46 Temp use permit for Polo match apprvd
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Councilman Snyder moved to approve a Temporary Use Permit for The Stables at Knox, Inc., c/o John Hatcher, 8190 Clinton Street, Elma, NY, to hold a polo match and catered lunch at the Polo Field, Soccer Field and Equestrian Park area of Knox Farm State Park on July 18, 2015 (rain date July 19, 2015 with clean-up on July 20, 2015). Approval is granted contingent upon receipt of a certificate of insurance from the group. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve the request from Town Clerk Martha Librock to attend the 33rd Annual NYS Town Clerks Association Conference in Rochester, NY, April 26 - April 29, 2015. The \$646.00 cost (registration \$125.00; hotel/meals \$451.00; mileage \$70.00) will be disbursed from A1410.405. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none	Motion carried.	Action #47 Town Clerk to attend NYSTCA conference
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Supervisor Bach stated that the application/permit fee for the Back Yard Bash has been waived by the Village, but the \$100.00 mailer fee is still required. Mr. Bach noted that businesses involved with the event would be paying this fee.

Action #48
Supv auth to
sign submit
Back Yard
Bash
application to
VEA

Councilman Snyder moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the application and indemnification for the Back Yard Bash series being held from July 9 to August 27, 2015 and that the \$100.00 mailer fee will not be paid by the Town, but by other businesses involved in the event. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the wording for the Scenic Byway sign that is proposed to be erected at the Mill Road Overlook site. Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #49
Wording for
Mill Road
Scenic Byway
sign approved

The Town Board reviewed and answered the questions in Part 2 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form submitted by Robert Harris a part of his Open Development Area (ODA) application for a two-lot ODA at 1346-1350 East Main Street (aka: Big Tree Road/Route 20A).

Councilwoman Friess moved that the two-lot Open Development Area proposed for 1346-1350 East Main Street will not result in any significant adverse or negative environmental impacts. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes - none Motion carried.

Action #50
Negative SEQR
declaration for
1346-1350 E.
Main ODA

Councilwoman Friess moved to adopt the following resolution; seconded by Councilman Snyder:

**RESOLUTION
APPROVING OPEN DEVELOPMENT AREA PLAN
1346-1350 EAST MAIN STREET SBL#165.00-1-46.1
TOWN OF AURORA, NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, Chapter 79 of the Code of The Town of Aurora establishes standards for landowners who wish to develop or subdivide land that lacks required public road frontage for standard lot development (known as “open development area”); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, Robert Harris, has filed a double-lot Open Development Area application for 1346-1350 East Main Street (SBL# 165.00-1-46.1) located along the north side of East Main Street (aka: Route 20A; aka: Big Tree Road) located between Route 400 and Reiter Road, to allow for the division of an existing parcel which lacks required public road frontage; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Aurora granted a width variance of twenty-five feet to allow the ingress/egress to be twenty-five feet wide rather than required fifty feet; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals granted this variance with the condition that the entire length of the driveway meet the twenty (20) foot width requirement of hard surface and having a turn-around in compliance with NYS Fire Codes; and

WHEREAS, the Aurora Planning Board reviewed this ODA application and recommended that it be approved in accordance with the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the SEQRA Short Environmental Assessment Form, submitted as part of the application, determining that the proposed use (single family residence) will not have a significant impact on the environment, and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has made every reasonable attempt and all necessary effort to comply with specifications of Chapter 79 of the Code of the Town of Aurora; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Aurora approves the Open Area Development application for 1346-1350 East Main Street (SBL# 165.00-1-46.1), located along the north side of East Main Street (aka: Route 20A; aka: Big Tree Road) located between Route 400 and Reiter Road, with the following conditions: (1) the driveway will be twenty feet in width of hard packed material; and 2) vehicle access will be in accordance with NYS Fire Code, appendix D.

RESOLVED, that approval by the Town Board of the Town of Aurora is expressly for 1346-1350 East Main Street (SBL#165.00-1-46.1), located between Route 400 and Reiter Road, for the division of an existing parcel which lacks required public road frontage; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said Open Development Area Plan for 1346-1350 East Main Street (SBL# 165.00-1-46.1) is approved.

Action #51
ODA for
1346-1350 E.
Main
approved

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

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Councilwoman Jeffe moved to authorize Bene-Care to block an employee's Town issued Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) debit card when the employee does not submit the proper paperwork within the given sixty (60) day time frame. Upon receipt of proper paperwork or payment due, Bene-Care will unblock the debit card. Employees currently in arrears will have until March 25, 2015 to settle their accounts to avoid their card being blocked. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #52
HRA debit
card policy re:
accounts in
arrears

Supervisor Bach stated he has requested that each year during open enrollment, Bene-Care provide a seminar for our employees so any questions they have may be answered and any new medical insurance changes be explained. Councilwoman Jeffe requested that they hold a seminar in the near future.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to amend the Town's 2015 Operating Budget as follows:

- Add revenue line A2705 – Gifts and Donations
- Increase A2705 by \$1,400.00
- Add appropriation line A7620.0400.3 Aktion Club Baseball
- Increase A7620.0400.3 by \$1,400.00

Action #53
2015 Budget
amended –
revenue &
appropriation
lines added.

Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – The following communications were received by the Board and filed:

- Building Department – January 2015 report
- Work Requisitions – January 2015 report
- Dog Control – January 2015 report
- Senior Center – January 2015 report

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND LIAISONS:

Councilwoman Jeffe noted that since the Town highway department took over plowing various County Roads (especially Lewis Road) the mailboxes are still standing.

Highway Superintendent Gunner noted that his department has plowed over 150 times since the snow began this season.

Supervisor Bach stated that Town Historian Rob Goller did an excellent job entertaining everyone at the Millard Fillmore event.

AUDIENCE II: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent Gunner asked if the Board received the Dog Control Conference information since it was not on the website. Mr. Gunner also stated they are still working on the FEMA project.

The Abstract of Claims dated February 23, 2015, consisting of vouchers numbered 176 to 250, was presented to the Board for audit and authorization of payment from the following funds:

General	\$	28,944.49
Part Town		1,187.52
Highway		44,346.14
Enterprise/Gleed		8,153.30
Trust & Agency		461,215.94
Trust & Agency 2		16,168.33
Special Districts		<u>2,570.20</u>
Grand Total Abstract	\$	562,585.92

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve the February 23, 2015 Abstract of Claims and authorize payment of same. Councilwoman Friess seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #54
2/23/15
Abstract of
Claims aprvd.

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #55
Meeting
adjourned.

Sheryl A. Miller
Deputy Town Clerk