

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

April 13, 2010

The following members of the Aurora Town Board and East Aurora Village Board met on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a joint work session followed by a Town Board work session.

Present: (Town)	Jolene M. Jeffe Jeffrey T. Harris Susan Friess James F. Collins James J. Bach	Supervisor Councilman Councilwoman Councilman Councilman
Present: (Village)	Alan Kasprzak Ernest Sheer Libby Weberg Randy West Kevin Biggs Patrick Shea	Mayor Trustee Trustee Trustee Trustee Trustee
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett Robert Pierce Kimberly Reichert Bryan Smith Douglas Klotzbach Alvin Fontanese George Oliver Carol Griffis Lee Mahaney William Kramer Ronald Krowka	Town Attorney Village Attorney Village Administrator Town Engineer SMSI Architect Library Board member Library Board member Library Board member Library Director Building Inspector Chief of Police

Supervisor Jeffe opened the work session at 7:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Village and Town Boards met to discuss and/or review the following:

- 1) SMSI (Shared Municipal Services Grant) – Bryan Smith and Douglas Klotzbach gave a power point presentation on the findings and conclusions of the SMSI study for a joint municipal building. They presented an overview of all options. Option 0 – All offices and the library remain in their current locations. Option 1 – Joint Municipal Center located at 550 Main Street which would result in the Town offices, Village offices and library in one facility. Option 2 – Joint Municipal Center located at 300 Gleed Avenue with Town offices, Village office and town library at that location. Option 3 – Expand the library on Main Street and move the Town and Village offices to Gleed Avenue. The SMSI Committee, consisting of two members from the Town Board, Village Board and Library Board, has recommended Option 1. The Town Board will need to decide whether or not to accept their recommendation and when/and if a referendum will be set to vote on the project proposal.
- 2) Police Services Agreement – At their March 22, 2010 meeting the Town Board voted to notify the Village Board that the Town wants to renegotiate the terms of the Police Services Agreement. The Town will be paying over 50% of the police contract and the Board believes the Town should have more say in the contract. Both Boards recently approved a three month extension to the Agreement which will be in effect until August 31, 2010. Mayor Kasprzak stated he wants to know what the Town wants to be involved in and wants it in writing. Supervisor Jeffe stated that the agreement already addresses an Advisory Committee and that two members of each board should be named to the committee. She noted that she and Councilwoman Friess would be the Town

representatives. Mayor Kasprzak stated he'd have to get back to the Town with the names of the Village representatives.

- 3) Village DPW-Town Highway Department Consolidation Study Grant – Supervisor Jeffe stated that she spoke with Chris Grant from the State and was told that money for the grant has not yet been allocated. There is currently a draft work plan. The time frame for this grant is March 2012.

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- 1) Intermunicipal Agreement with Erie County re: GML 239-m Referrals to ECDEP – Pursuant to NY General Municipal Law (GML) Section 239-m, the Town is required to refer numerous proposals to the Erie County Department of Planning. The proposals include, but are not limited to, zoning variances and special use permits, rezoning, ordinance changes, etc. GML also contains a section that permits municipalities to enter into Intermunicipal Agreements with the County to reduce the volume of referrals required to be sent to the County Planning Agency. The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has forwarded a standard copy of such an agreement for the Town Board to consider. Attorney Bennett will review the agreement.
- 2) Garage Door Replacement at 251B Quaker – Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting to replace one of the 12' high garage doors at the Parks/Maintenance building with a 14' high garage door in order to work on larger equipment. He received quotes ranging from \$2226.00 to \$4630.00. Supervisor Jeffe stated that this was not budgeted for and we should wait to see what the budget line that Mr. Gunner proposed to use does in the coming months (A1620.422). Councilman Bach asked if the floor of the building will support heavier trucks and equipment. He said this would have to be confirmed before any decision was made.
- 3) Leaf Vacuum – Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting to go out to bid for a new Leaf Vacuum. He is proposing to receive the bid results to see what the cost will be and then transfer funds to DB5140 Highway Brush and Weeds to cover the cost. Supervisor Jeffe stated this will be put on the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.
- 4) 44 Jewett Holmwood – The Town is considering selling the Town owned property at 44 Jewett Holmwood Road. Supervisor Jeffe noted that the property needs to be surveyed and the survey will need to show any and all easements. Attorney Bennett stated that the property search will be required.
- 5) Procurement Policy – The Town's procurement policy needs to be updated to reflect the law that requires formal bidding on public works contracts equal to or over \$35,000. This has been increased from a previous amount of \$20,000.
- 6) Health Insurance – The Town currently provides health insurance coverage to eligible employees through Independent Health. The current rate for the family plan is \$940.01 per month. The Town pays \$906.80 towards this amount. Independent Health is proposing to increase the rate to \$1057.24 for the family plan, with the Town continuing to pay \$940.01. (The cost of a single plan will also be increasing.) The employee pays the difference. In addition to the current Flex Fit Select Plan the Town now offers, there is a Passport Select Plan that is less expensive, but has higher co-pays and deductibles on some services. Both options will be presented by Independent Health representatives to eligible employees at an informational seminar on April 28<sup>th</sup>.