

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
January 20, 2015

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 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
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent

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) National Energy Professionals – SSMC light proposal update:

Paul Vargovich, Jr., NEP General Manager, and Scott Warning, Warning Electric, met with the Board to update them on the proposal to replace fluorescent lights and fixtures in the Southside Municipal Center with LED lights and fixtures. The estimated cost of the project is \$350,716.00 plus a 5% NYPA (NY Power Authority) fee for an estimated total to be financed with NYPA of \$368,252.00. An (estimated) incentive from NYSEG of approximately \$77,958.00 brings the cost down to \$290,294.00. Based on the current NYPA loan rate of 0.51% the monthly payment would be \$3,350.00 per month for the loan period of 7.5 years. The warehouse and auditorium are not included in the proposal. Supervisor Bach noted that if this were approved a night crew would probably be required so as not to interrupt business. Scott Warning stated it would take about two months to complete the work.

2) Additional Generator at SSMC:

Jeff Higgins from BillIt (SSMC tenant) and Scott Warning, Warning Electric, met with the Board to discuss BillIt's request to install a generator at the Southside Municipal Center for BillIt's use. The current generator is not powerful enough to operate the entire building in the event of a power outage. BillIt's computer servers are compromised if they cannot operate during power outages. Scott Warning stated that they are proposing a natural gas generator and would like to see the unit placed on a pad on the north side of the building near the gas meter. BillIt requires 40kw. The possibility of installing a larger generator that would operate more of the building was discussed. Supervisor Bach stated the Town's requirements would be heat and light. This will be discussed further at the next work session.

3) Back Yard Bash:

Sandy Cunningham from the East Aurora Advertiser asked the Board if the Town would continue to participate in organizing the Back Yard Bash music events that occur weekly during the summer. Ms. Cunningham stated that in past years the Town obtained the permit from the Village, mailed the solicitation letters, collected donations, paid the bands, set-up and took down the stage, arranged for a porta-potty and picked up garbage after each event. It was noted that the plywood on the stage needs to be replaced. Ms. Cunningham stated that the Advertiser will pay for the wood. She noted that the Advertiser pays for the electricity and all the advertising. The Board will consider participating for one more year.

4) Capital Improvement and equipment bond:

The Board discussed various equipment and capital improvement projects that could be bonded in the near future. Supervisor Bach noted that the Southside Municipal Center parking lot rehab could not be included because the bond being considered is a tax-free bond. Highway Superintendent Gunner stated two plow trucks, a 1995 Ford and a 2000 Peterbuilt, should be

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replaced. The Board discussed bonding two trucks (one plow, one tandem dump), one baseball diamond groomer and repair of the highway garage building. Regarding the South Street tennis courts, Mr. Gunner stated there was nothing wrong with them since they were patched, painted and striped two years ago. Other items being considered are the pool hot water tank; pool deck concrete repair; pool furnace; baby pool membrane. Councilwoman Jeffe suggested obtaining amortization schedule(s) to see what the payback amounts will be and how it will affect the budget.

4) Southside Municipal tenant proposal:

Hagner Real Estate sent a proposal to the Town regarding them leasing office space at SSMC for \$9.00 per square foot. Supervisor Bach stated the usual rate charged by the Town is \$13.00 per square foot. Councilwoman Jeffe suggested a counter offer of \$11.00 per square foot.

5) BOCES – work program proposal:

This was tabled until the Board receives more information

6) Overbrook Subdivision (Geneva Road) rezoning request:

Residents of Geneva Road in the Overbrook Subdivision presented a petition and application to rezone the subdivision from R3 (residential 3) to R1 (residential 1). This will be given to the Town Attorney for review.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk