

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
February 16, 2016

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 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:	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Camie Jarrell	GHD/Engineer
	Chris Musshafen	Rec. & Aquatics Director
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	Edward Snyder	Deputy Town Attorney

1) WNY Land Conservancy re: Mother's Falls Preserve:

Nancy Smith and JaJean Rose-Burney from the Western New York Land Conservancy (WNYLC) gave a PowerPoint presentation on the WNYLC's proposed purchase of approximately 57 acres that sits between Center Street and Hubbard Road. Mrs. Smith noted that the WNYLC is looking to the Town of Aurora to sign a grant sub-recipient agreement and to attach a Federal interest to real property at Majors Park in the form of a deed restriction. Majors Park would be "collateral" just for the grant application. Supervisor Bach stated the resolution, letter of support and notice of Federal participation will be forwarded to our attorney for review.

2) Quaker Road Development Proposal:

Greg Schneider, owner of 686 Quaker Road (SBL#175.05-1-1.2) spoke to the Board about his proposal to subdivide this parcel and put multiple dwellings on one of the two parcels that would result from the split. Mr. Schneider stated he would have to form a condominium or homeowners association for the six proposed units (3 duplexes). Councilwoman Jeffe stated this would not be a dwelling group but more likely a cluster subdivision. The Board informed Mr. Schneider that there is currently a moratorium on subdivisions and open development areas.

3) Baseball update:

Town of Aurora Baseball Commissioner Joe Orłowski, Recreation & Aquatics Director Chris Musshafen and members of the new baseball board met with the Town Board to discuss the progress of the baseball program being split-off into its own entity. Topics covered were:

- 501-3C status for the group
- Maintenance of Town owned baseball diamonds
- Agreement between the Town and the baseball group
- Equipment storage

The Town Board and the Baseball board will continue to talk about these issues and others.

4) Aurora Mills Cluster Subdivision:

Gary Eckis, Eckis Realty, spoke to the Board about the revised sketch plan that was submitted showing eighty-four units, four less than the original eighty-nine that were proposed. Mr. Eckis stated that they cannot reduce the number any further and still have a viable project. Councilman Snyder asked how long it would take to build/sell all 85 units. Mr. Eckis responded that it is hard to say and noted that many factors affect the project, including time, market, cost of materials, environmental, and interest rates. Consideration of the sketch plan will be put on the 2/22/16 meeting agenda.

5) NYS Department of Transportation – shared services agreement:

The Region 5 Director of the NYSDOT sent a letter to Supervisor Bach informing him of

a Shared Services Agreement (SSA) that would allow the NYSDOT to provide emergency assistance to municipalities. Their goal is to have an SSA with every municipality in Region 5, so that in the event of an emergency needs of the communities can be immediately addressed. This will be discussed further by the Board.

6) EAUFSC – lead agency/SEQRA for 2016 Capital Improvements:

The Board discussed the lead agency request from the EAUFSD with regard to SEQRA, for proposed capital projects that include various renovation, upgrade and site work improvements to Parkdale Elementary, EA Middle School and EA High School. The Board feels that the EAUFSD should be lead agency. This will be put on the 2/22/16 meeting agenda.

7) WNY Stormwater Coalition:

The WNY Stormwater Coalition is requesting a Cooperation MS4 letter of commitment from the Town, a project partner, for the continuation of MS4 storm system mapping and completion of a gap analysis. This will be put on the 2/22/16 meeting agenda.

8) Building Permit Fees:

Patrick Blizniak and William Kramer would like to regain the full-time status of the Building Department Clerk. In a memo to the Board, they submitted a proposal to increase current permit fees and add more permit categories. This will be discussed further.

9) Time Clocks:

Councilman Snyder spoke to the Board about his research on time clocks for use by Town employees. Supervisor Bach noted that the Town of Elma uses the same Logics payroll program as Aurora and has time clocks. Several Board members will talk to Kathleen Moffat, Rob Goller and Mark Brown about the capability to use time clocks with the Logics program.

10) Insurance:

Councilwoman Jeffe recommended staying with the Town's current insurance carrier for this year. Mrs. Jeffe stated that inventory lists need to be updated for all buildings, offices, etc.

11) Town Codes:

The Board discussed the status of the Town codes that are being worked on. They will discuss the proposed local law regarding penalties at a work session on 2/22/16 at 5:30 p.m.

12) Erie County Highway Agreement:

The Town will be entering into an agreement whereby the Town Highway Department will begin plowing Davis Road, a county highway, between Jewett Holmwood Road and Route 20A.

13) Demolition Quotes – 43 Manchester Road:

In a memo to the Board dated 2/16/16, Patrick Blizniak, presented the results of his request for quotes to demolish the residence at 43 Manchester Road, E. Aurora. The structure was previously declared unsafe by the Board.