

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
March 21, 2017

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 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:

Present:	Jeffrey T. Harris Charles D. Snyder	Councilman Councilman
Absent/Excused:	James J. Bach Susan A. Friess Jolene M. Jeffe	Supervisor Councilwoman Councilwoman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett David Gunner William Kramer	Town Attorney Highway Superintendent Code Enforcement Officer

Councilman Snyder led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) Baseball League:

Kevin Zawadski, President of the EA Baseball & Softball board (EABS), and Jim Kittner of EABS, spoke with the Town Board about a proposal to erect a chain link fence at the community pool park diamond closest to the parking lot. The purpose of the fence would be to prevent baseballs from hitting cars in the lot and the EABS could hang sponsor banners along the fence. The sponsor banners would be a way for the group to raise much needed funds. Mr. Zawadski stated they need diamond dirt, but the fence would help them to raise money to become self-sufficient. He is requesting that the Town fund the fence. Highway Superintendent Gunner stated his employees could install the fence. Mr. Gunner said he would obtain prices on fencing. Mr. Zawadski stated that baseball registration is down about 30% this year and that soccer and lacrosse are becoming more popular. He also noted that he feels the baseball group was cut off from the Town and not gently weaned off as originally planned.

2) Maple Crossing – Request to renew tax exemption agreement:

In 2001, the Town entered into an agreement with Maple Road Aurora Limited Partnership for a 50% exemption from county, town, and school taxes pursuant to Section 125, Article V, of the Private Housing Financial Law of the State of New York. Section 10 of the agreement provides for a 15-year renewal. David Lawson from Belmont Management Company, managing agent for Maple Crossing, sent a letter to Supervisor Bach requesting that the Town renew and extend the existing Tax Exempt Agreement in an amount agreeable to both parties. Attorney Bennett will look into this further.

3) Request to attend AOT Finance School:

Kathleen Moffat, Assistant to the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, is requesting to attend the 17th Annual Association of Towns Finance School on May 4-5, 2017, at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott in Amherst, NY. This will be put on the 3/27/17 meeting agenda.

4) Seasonal laborer rate increase request:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting that the Board approve an hourly rate increase for seasonal highway and parks laborers, and for Jason Buranich, from \$10 to \$12 per hour. Councilman Snyder stated he would like to know what the rest of the Town Board's opinion is on this request.

5) Cornell University's 2017 Pavement Management Summer Intern Program:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting permission to hire Thomas Morris, Boies Road, East Aurora, as an intern for this program and seasonal laborer for highway or parks. The program is a planning and budgeting tool for pavement management. The Town is responsible for sending the intern/employee for 1 ½ days of training at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, (\$60 plus travel expenses); providing a laptop, vehicle and computer to run the Pavement Management software; hiring the intern/employee at a wage of \$12 to \$15 per hour for a minimum of 10 weeks.

6) Unified Solar Permit Process:

The Board reviewed a resolution from NYSERDA for the Town to adopt the NYS Unified Solar Permit process, use of the NY State Unified Solar Permit application and establishing a permit fee.

7) Energy Benchmarking Resolution:

The Board discussed a proposed resolution that would establish energy benchmarking requirements for certain municipal buildings. The resolution includes policy and procedures for implementing the program, including who does what and who is responsible for implementing the program. The Board will discuss this further.

8) Special Use Permit Application:

Councilmen Snyder and Harris and Town Attorney Bennett were given draft copies of a Special Use Permit application to review.

9) Land set aside for park use in a subdivision:

The Board discussed the section of the Town Code that talks about a developer setting aside land for park and recreation use in a subdivision or payment in lieu of setting aside land.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk