

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
September 16, 2014

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 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	Councilman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Wheeler	CRA Engineering

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) Geocaching Proposal – Mill Road Overlook property:

The Board discussed a proposal from Bill Lemke, Cornwall Road, to place a geocache on the Mill Road Overlook property. The Board decided that since there are no trails on the property and we don't really know the topography of the land, it would not be a good idea at this time. Councilwoman Friess noted that this is currently a passive "park". Councilwoman Jeffe suggested that Mr. Lemke consider Majors Park and/or Emery Park at this time.

2) Request to Attend NYSAA Seminar:

The Town's real property appraiser, Roger Pigeon, is requesting to attend the 2014 NYSAA Seminar on Assessment Administration in Lake Placid, NY, October 6-8, 2014. Mr. Pigeon will be covering all expenses for the conference.

3) Civil Service title changes:

Kathleen Moffat, Secretary to Supervisor/Payroll Clerk, submitted a list of recreation employees whose titles will change from PT seasonal to PT effective 9/23/14, along with those recreation employees whose seasonal employment will terminate.

4) Fund Balance Policy:

The Board looked at a Fund Balance Policy that was suggested by Freed Maxick. Councilwoman Jeffe noted that the Town already has a policy in place (adopted in 2012).

5) Lighting Upgrade Proposal – Southside Municipal Center:

The Board discussed a proposal to upgrade fluorescent lights to LED lights for certain areas of the Southside Municipal Center. Supervisor Bach asked how can we be sure that there will be sufficient savings if the Town goes through with this project. The electric bill is for lighting, computer use, and HVAC use and is not split out. Bill Wheeler suggested that the numbers may be able to be determined from the total wattage of the lights currently being used in the building. The Board will continue to discuss this issue at future meetings.

6) Municipal Solutions, Inc. – financial proposals:

Jeff Smith, President of Municipal Solutions, Inc., spoke to the Board about new regulations regarding financial disclosures and filings that are now required. The proposal includes filing of the Town's Limited Disclosure statements and Material Event Notices. Mr. Smith noted that a full disclosure is not needed at this time.

EFC financing for Water District 18 was also discussed. Mr. Smith stated he will compile a project savings report for the Board to look at.

The third item discussed was a proposal for long-term bond borrowing and general financial services, including Town's share of expenses for the new Village fire hall.

7) Eagle Scout Project Proposal for Mill Road Overlook property:

Quinn Schwab spoke to the Board about the Eagle Scout project he has proposed for the Mill Road Overlook property. The project consists of removing rubbish (metal, tires, etc.) from the ravine at the westerly portion of the property. Councilwoman Friess stated she spoke with Highway Superintendent Gunner about disposing of the rubbish once it is removed from the ravine. Supervisor Bach said that certificate of liability insurance needs to be provided to the Town by Boy Scout Council. Due to time constraints, the Board decided to vote on this right away.

Supervisor Bach moved to approve the Eagle Scout project proposed by Quinn Schwab to remove rubbish from the ravine at the Town of Aurora Mill Road Overlook property and to authorize Deputy Supervisor Friess to sign the Beneficiary Approval portion of the project proposal. Approval is contingent upon receipt of a Certificate of Liability insurance naming the Town of Aurora as additional insured. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – five
noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #293
Mill Rd
overlook
Eagle Scout
project
approved.

8) Map and Plan Proposal for Town Water Districts – Direct Service with ECWA:

The Board discussed the proposal from CRA Engineering to prepare a Map and Plan for the proposed move of Town water districts to direct service under the Erie County Water Authority. It was noted that the Town is waiting for a copy of the ECWA memorandum of understanding with water district number corrections.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk