

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
April 22, 2014

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, April 22, 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
	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
	Don Owens	Planning Board Chairman
	Kathleen Moffat	Secretary to Supervisor
	William Wheeler	CRA Engineering
	Bryan Smith	CRA Engineering
	Nick Fodero	Aurora Consulting/IT Support

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) Computer Replacement Proposal:

Nick Fodero, Aurora Consulting (contracted IT support for the Town), spoke to the Board about replacing fourteen (14) town computers that currently run Microsoft XP. Support for the XP software has ended and according to Mr. Fodero, this is a security risk for the Town. Upgrading these computers would cost approximately \$300 per computer (license upgrade plus labor) and some of the computers are at replacement age already. The cost of replacement is \$724 per unit. Installation/labor is approximately \$200 per unit. This quote is from the NYS bid list. The Board discussed the pros and cons of upgrading seven computers this year and seven next year or all fourteen this year. Mr. Fodero recommended that the Town be pro-active due to potential security risks. This will be placed on the 4/28/14 agenda.

2) Insurance Presentation:

Geoff Gunner, Badger & Gunner Insurance, reviewed the Town's Property/Liability Insurance coverage with the Board. The coverage includes, but is not limited to: replacement cost of buildings and contents; earthquake coverage; general liability; crime and bond; equipment; automobile; public officials/employment practices liability and umbrella coverage. The total premium is approximately \$72,000. The Board requested that Mr. Gunner supply estimates for the 2015 budget.

3) Open Development Area Application – Heiler Drive:

An Open Development Area Application was submitted by Brian and Donna Schofield for SBL#165.10-1-3.3 Heiler Drive, Town of Aurora. Brian Schofield and his architect, Don Aubrecht, presented the development plan to the Board. Mr. Schofield would like to construct a residence on a parcel that is accessed via a private road/driveway that comes off of Heiler Drive. The Board noted they would like the Planning Board to review the request. This will be placed on the 4/28/14 agenda.

4) Reading Road Drainage Ditches:

Planning Board Chairman Don Owens and Highway Superintendent David Gunner spoke to the Board about reconfiguring drainage ditches on Reading Road to help reduce erosion and sedimentation in area streams. The proposed ditches would have gentle slopes and be moved away from the edge of the roadway/pavement. Mr. Owens and Mr. Gunner stated this would be done on a site by site basis. Supervisor Bach expressed concern about the ditches being different levels and how water would get from a deeper ditch to a shallower ditch. Mr. Gunner stated the object is to slow the water down. This will be done by making shallower ditches and lining

some of the ditches with rocks. Councilman Snyder asked if they had a master plan for this. The response was, no. Councilwoman Jeffe stated the highway department needs to be very cognizant of where the right-of-way is. Bill Wheeler, CRA, noted that there needs to be concern where high velocity flow goes into shallow, low velocity flow areas.

5) “Great Water Walk” fundraiser:

Dave Robinson spoke to the Board about a fundraiser he would like to have in the Village and the Town. The walk which is referred to as the Great Water Walk sponsored by *Let Them LOL* whose primary focus is providing clean water to the people of Sierra Leone, Africa. Mr. Robinson noted that there are three street routes: 6.2 miles; 13.1 miles and 26.2 miles. 500 people are expected to participate in the August 10, 2014 event. Organizers are working with the Village of East Aurora, the police department, State Parks and Erie County. Mr. Robinson stated they received permission from the Village Board to use Hamlin Park as the start/end point. The Board asked that the group provide a safety plan, routes and road names, information on locations of aid stations and porta-potties and information about the contract that is referred to on their liability insurance certificate. Discussion took place as to how the walkers would cross Cazenovia Creek in Major Park. Consensus of the Board was that kayaks or canoes should be used rather than ropes or temporary bridges.

6) Washer/Dryer Purchase – Senior Center:

The thirteen year old combination washer/dryer at the Senior Center is in need of repair. Dave Vona of Vona Appliance Repair looked at the problem and noted it is not worth repairing due to the age of the machine as well as the repair cost being around \$400. Donna Bodekor obtained quotes for new Samsung brand machines as follows:

Sears	\$1079.93
Home Depot	\$1466.00
Lowe’s	\$1618.20
Orville’s	\$2094.00

A stack kit will be required at a cost of \$35.00. This will be placed on the 4/28/14 agenda.

7) Community Gardens update:

Supervisor Bach stated he had met with Richard Wiesen, Community Garden representative, noting that Mr. Wiesen and the group are showing a good faith effort in getting information out about the garden and getting new members.

8) Water – ECWA Direct Service update:

The Town is currently in discussion with the Erie County Water Authority for a proposal to have Town water districts go to direct service with the Authority. Bryan Smith and Bill Wheeler updated the Board on the status of the fire flow testing by the ECWA. Mr. Smith stated that areas that have 4” water mains will need to be upgraded to 8” mains before the ECWA will consider taking over that water district. Supervisor Bach stated the Town will not have to replace remote read water meters with radio read meters in the districts that are lease managed by the ECWA.