

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
August 16, 2016

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Southside Municipal Center Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY, to discuss changes to the subdivision code, followed at 7:00 p.m. by the regular work session:

Present:

Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
James J. Bach	Supervisor

Absent/Excused:	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman

Others Present:	Ronald P. Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	Chris Musshafen	Aquatics/Recreation Director
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	William Wheeler	GHD/Engineer

5:30 p.m. Code Review

The code review committee and Town Board reviewed the changes made to the draft Special Event code. They also talked about the moratorium on solar energy projects. Councilwoman Jeffe will contact Lori Borowiak from NYSERDA to ask if she will attend the next work session to discuss solar energy local laws.

7:00 p.m. Work Session

1) WNY Land Conservancy: Jackson Falls property:

Jajeane Rose-Burney, Development Director of the WNY Land Conservancy (WNYLC), Patrick McGlew, Land Protection Director of the WNYLC, and Charles Malcomb, attorney with Hodgson Russ, spoke to the Board about the Town-owned Majors Park property match for a grant application for the WNYLC's purchase of the Jackson Falls property.

Supervisor Bach asked Mr. Malcomb if, at any time during this process, Majors Park would be deeded to the WNYLC. Mr. Malcomb responded that the title to the property would not change, but there will be restrictions on the property – a declaration of restrictions will be filed.

Councilwoman Jeffe stated she has a problem with item 6 on pages 2-3 of the Sub-award Agreement between the WNYLC and the Town, namely that the Town would not be able to add additional permanent structures, recreational facilities or sports fields on the “match” portion of Majors Park. Mrs. Jeffe also noted that there is a working gas well on the property. Jajeane asked if the well and surrounding property could be carved out of the “match”.

Supervisor Bach, Councilwoman Jeffe and Councilman Snyder also expressed concern that the Town would not be able to develop any permanent structure on northern-most parcel in Majors Park, including picnic shelter(s) or rest rooms.

Mr. Malcomb stated that by this agreement the Town is giving up the right to use its property in certain ways; the deed is permanent as are the restrictions on the deed.

Councilwoman Jeffe asked how this differs from a conservation easement. Mr. Malcomb responded that they are pretty much the same.

The Town Board will review the Majors Park parcels and decide on what areas they think should be removed from the property match.

2) South Street Tennis Courts:

Gregg Gonzalez of Knox Road, spoke to the Board about the conditions at the tennis courts on South Street. Mr. Gonzalez noted that the lines were covered with crack filler, a gate latch is missing and some of the fence is curled up at the bottom. Highway Superintendent

Gunner stated the cracks were recently refilled and the fence painted. Mr. Gunner noted that the entire tennis court will be resealed and restriped in the near future.

3) Baseball Program:

Kevin Zawadski and Jim Kittner spoke to the Board about some of the issues that need to be addressed before the Baseball Committee (BBC) takes over the baseball program from the Town. Questions/issues that were brought forth were:

- Diamond dirt needs to be added every year – is the Town going to do this? If the BBC pays rent to use the diamonds, will the Town completely maintain them? If the BBC pays less rent, would they need to do the upgrades/maintenance?  
Supervisor Bach responded that no rent for the first year was discussed.

Chris Musshafen stated that the baseball program is money in and money out. Registration fees covered the costs of dirt and other things. Mr. Zawadski stated that the BBC would have higher expenses because of insurance.

Councilwoman Jeffe suggested that the BBC bring a budget to the Town Board and tell the Board what the BBC would be able to accomplish with that budget. Mrs. Jeffe stated that this whole process would take a lot of on-going conversation.

4. Bridge NY Program:

Highway Superintendent Gunner stated there is a grant program that provides funding for repairing and/or replacing culverts. Mr. Gunner noted that he would like to submit a grant for culverts located on Cornwall and Snyder Roads. GHD presented a proposal to provide information for the grant application for a cost of \$4,500. The Board discussed if funds were available to pay for this. This will be placed on the 8/22/16 agenda for consideration.

5. Recycling Grant:

In a memo to the Town Board Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting permission to apply for a new NYSDEC recycling grant. He stated that future purchases of a backhoe, dump truck and recycling totes would be included in this grant application. Mr. Gunner also noted that the Town's 1992 Ford 555 tractor backhoe and 2001 Ford F250 would be sold at auction. Included with the memo was a grant writing service contract for \$1,460.00 from Ann McDonnell to prepare the recycling grant. This will be placed on the 8/22/16 agenda for consideration.

6. Pesticide/Herbicide Applicators Liability Insurance:

The Town's insurance agent Geoff Gunner has recommended that the Town consider purchasing pesticide/herbicide applicators liability insurance. He has requested that the Town complete an application so he can obtain quotes for us.

7. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for Aurora Mills Subdivision:

In a memo to the Town Board Code Enforcement Officer Bill Kramer is requesting the Board approve the proposal from GHD to assist in the review of the SWPPP for the Aurora Mills Cluster Subdivision. The cost is a not-to-exceed fee of \$2,000. According to the Town Subdivision code, this cost may be passed on to the developer.