

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
June 17, 2014

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, June 17, 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
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
 Absent/Excused:	 Susan A. Friess	 Councilwoman
 Others Present:	 Ronald Bennett	 Town Attorney
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Kim Reichert	Bookkeeper/Freed Maxick
	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) Hazman (hazardous waste collection) Presentation:

Sarah Battaglia, Hazman representative, gave a presentation on the programs and services offered by Hazman including their permanent drop-off site and hazardous waste collection events. Ms. Battaglia stated they are partnering with municipalities to conduct collection events for the residents of the town or village. There is a cost to the towns/villages to hold these events.

2) Fire Protection District No. 1 – tax impact of new fire hall:

Per the Town’s agreement with the East Aurora Fire Department, the Town is responsible for a % of all costs incurred by the fire district. (This fire district covers a portion of the Town from Blakeley Road to the Aurora/Elma town line.) The Village has paid \$450,000 towards the new fire hall and the Town’s portion of that is \$206,370. Jeff Smith from Municipal Solutions suggested that the Town borrow the money from itself. The Town needs to be sensitive to the number of residents in the district and the amount of taxes levied for the fire district. This will be tabled to the July work session for further discussion.

3) Dental/Vision Insurance:

The Town’s current dental/vision insurance plan through Guardian is set to renew July 1, 2014. We have the option to renew as usual or renew with Affordable Care Act (ACA) requirements, one of which is pediatric dental coverage for dependents up to age 19. If this option is chosen, all members with family dental coverage would be required to pay the increased cost, whether or not they have dependents under age 19. If the Town choses to renew without the ACA requirement, those members with dependents under age 19 would be required to add pediatric dental coverage to their BCBS medical plan upon renewal December 1, 2014.

DENTAL				
CURRENT		RENEWAL		RENEWAL W/ PEDIATRIC (ACA) Compliant
Single	\$52.61	Single	\$57.08	Single \$57.08
Family	\$142.73	Family	\$154.86	Family \$164.64
VISION				
CURRENT			RENEWAL	
Single	\$7.37		Single	\$8.36
Family	\$15.85		Family	\$17.98

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to approve renewal of the Guardian Dental/Vision Insurance Plan without Affordable Care Act option (see table above). Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried. Action #192 Dental/vision insurance renewal aprvd

4) Highway – request to purchase gravel for Equestrian Park driveway:

Liz O'Donnell from the East Aurora Driving Society and Highway Superintendent Gunner spoke to the Board about improving the lane in the equestrian area of Knox Farm State Park by adding 8 inches of 2-inch screened gravel and creating a 12' wide by 450' long driveway to provide rain-proof access to park horse trailers and campers for equestrian events. The gravel will be purchased from Waterman's Gravel for \$7.70 per ton from the Erie County Bid list. The Driving Society will donate funds to the Town to cover the cost of the gravel.

5) Parking lot striping and sealing:

Highway Superintendent Gunner obtained quotes to seal and stripe the parking lot at the Aurora Town Library and the Duck Duck Goose Day Care lot at the Southside Municipal Center.

Northeast Paving	\$2657
Tom Greenauer Development	\$1626

Mr. Gunner stated that the work would be done after business hours.

6) Retirement Reporting:

The Board discussed the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution (for NYS Retirement) that needs to be considered at the first regular meeting of the Board after the 180th day of the year. The 2010 resolution adopted by the Town Board had standard work days ranging from 6 to 8 hours. Councilwoman Jeffe proposed and the Board discussed making the standard work day for all elected and appointed officials as 7 hours. Retirement reporting calculations are made by dividing the average number of hours worked per month by the standard work day hours. This will be placed on the July 14, 2014 agenda.

7) Windham Professionals proposal for new break room:

Windham Professionals have requested to lease additional space on the second floor at the Southside Municipal Center and to renovate the space for use as a break room. Councilman Snyder met with Jim Dunn from Windham to discuss the proposal. The renovation would be Windham's expense and would include moving a door fob reader. Supervisor Bach asked Attorney Bennett to prepare a 3-year extension and an addendum to Windham's lease.

8) Request to ban buses from Southside Municipal Center parking lots:

Windham Professionals sent a proposal to the Town to ban buses in the parking lots, citing that it is often difficult to safely maneuver around buses that are dropping off or picking up children from Explore & More. The buses are also parking in the lots and taking up much needed parking spaces.

9) Sale of 44 Jewett Holmwood Road:

The Town Board previously declared this property as surplus inventory and wants to sell it as-is. JRS Morgan Realty has provided a proposal to sell the lot for the town. Attorney Bennett noted that the selling price and term of agreement would have to be added to the contract. A disclosure statement as to the condition of the property is needed. Sally Kreuzer and Cindy Myers, owners of property abutting the Town property asked questions about the zoning; where snow plowed by the Town will be plowed to; will anything happen to the culvert pipe under Jewett Holmwood Road and if it is a buildable lot. Councilman Snyder stated a house can be built there, but the Erie County Health Department would have to approve the septic.

10) Open Development Area application – Emery Road:

Andrew Romanowski (ARR Holdings, LLC) submitted an application for a two-lot open development area (two flag lots) on the north side of Emery Road, west of Center Street. Mr. Romanowski stated that gas, water and electric are available at the site and that private septic systems would be necessary. Attorney Bennett stated that the applicant would have to provide a

shared maintenance agreement for the driveway indicated on the survey. Mr. Romanowski asked if that agreement would be required if there were two separate driveways. The response was, no. This will be placed on the next agenda for referral to the Planning Board.

11) Aurora Arsenal Soccer amendment to agreement:

The Board discussed the amendment to an agreement the Town has with the Aurora Arsenal Soccer Club, Inc. for the Arsenal's use of certain land at Knox Farm State Park for soccer fields. The amendment presented is for 2014 to 2019. The Board discussed the term as ending in 2017 instead of 2019. Attorney Bennett will make the change and present it to the Arsenal for their input.

12) Recyclebank – recycling program renewal:

The Town had a free two-year period to use the Recyclebank program, which at the end of that term (June 30, 2014) will have a cost to it. There would be a monthly fee of \$740. The following options were discussed:

- 1) Waste Management would split the cost with the Town by assuming 62% of the monthly fee if the Town were to accept a 1% price increase over the current monthly rate (per contract) of \$45,639 effective July 1, 2014 and that Waste Management would request the Town to execute the 3-year extension of their contract for the years 2016-18.
- 2) The Town accepts the full cost of the Recyclebank program fee and the Waste Management contract extension is tabled until 2015.
- 3) The Town elects to discontinue the Recyclebank program and residents will no longer receive points for their curbside recycling efforts.

The Board discussed the options and proposed to discontinue the program in the Town.

13) Executive Session:

Councilwoman Jeffe moved to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation with the Town Attorney; Councilman Harris seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #193
Board enters
exec session

Supervisor Bach moved to come out of executive session and adjourn; seconded by Councilman Snyder. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none
Motion carried.

Action #194
Board exits
exec session
and adjourns

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk