

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
July 16, 2013

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Southside Municipal Center Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a work session.

Present:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Supervisor
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	James F. Collins	Councilman
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Councilman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Bryan Smith	Town Engineer
	Patrick Blizniak	Supt. of Building
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Jeffe opened the work session at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) Twin Co Site Plan:

Neil Hopkins, Twin Co. located at 145 Ellicott Road, PO West Falls, Town of Aurora, submitted a Site Plan Review application. A new 12,450 sq. ft.+/- building is being proposed at the facility. The structure will be used as a metal fabrication shop. The affected area is less than one acre, therefore a SWPP was not prepared. The property is zoned Industrial. At their July 10, 2013 meeting, the Planning Board reviewed the application and recommended acceptance of the site plan contingent on receipt of drainage calculations. Tim Shevlin, contractor, explained that this will be a new, pre-engineered metal building.

2) Delinquent Out-of-District Water Customers:

The Board discussed what can and should be done with outstanding bills for out-of-district (OOD) water customers. OOD customers pay towards the annual debt service of the water district from which they receive water service. Several OOD customers are in the towns of Wales and Colden and are mailed a bill in January, with payment due in February. Several OOD customers are delinquent in paying their bill. Attorney Bennett stated that if the Town Board wanted to put the delinquent bill on the owner's property tax bill, it would have to have agreements with Wales and Colden to do so.

3) Scenic Byway:

The Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway signs are ready to be installed. Bob Lennartz would like to know if the Town will be scheduling a public unveiling of its sign(s).

4) Bridges in Village of East Aurora:

Supervisor Jeffe noted that the Town has been looking at this issue for quite some time. Attorney Bennett reviewed a draft resolution regarding the repair of the Brooklea bridge. The resolution proposes that the Town address repair of the bridge "without prejudice", allowing the yellow flag by the NYSDOT to be addressed. Councilwoman Friess stated that the Village and Town are both trying to find out who is responsible and that there are differing legal opinions on this subject.

5) Erie County Snow Plow Contract:

The contract between Erie County and the twenty-five towns throughout the county is currently being negotiated with little progress. Several towns have adopted resolutions requesting the Erie County Legislature to help resolve the issue.

6) IDA Proposal:

NYS Senator Patrick Gallivan wrote to the Supervisor informing her that legislation has been introduced that would allow towns in Erie County that do not currently have an IDA to access the IDA of a neighboring town. Enactment of this bill into law would require a Home Rule Request from the Town of Aurora in order to participate in this legislation.

7) Sidewalk Ordinance:

The Board was presented with sidewalk ordinances from the Village of East Aurora and several other towns. Supervisor Jeffe asked that they review them to see what information would be best for Aurora.

8) HVAC Quotes:

Patrick Blizniak received four (4) quotes for a new HVAC system for the Recreation and Historian area of the Southside Municipal Center. The quotes range from \$8,640 to \$14,500. Supervisor Jeffe asked Mr. Blizniak to review the quotes with Dick Glover to make sure they all meet specs.

9) General Form for Contracts/Insurance:

Discussion took place as to having a contract form that can be used when RFP's/RFQ's are awarded. Councilman Collins noted that insurance certificates should be submitted with the quotes, not after the award. There should be a check list to make sure all necessary documents are submitted and that all specs are met.

10) Public Improvement Permits (PIP):

The Town's PIP application and permitting process is under review. The current procedure is unclear in some areas and needs to be updated.

11) Polo Grounds:

Attorney Bennett noted that this is currently in litigation and returnable in court this week. The developer is seeking to change the number of single and double units originally proposed for the location. The attorney for the developer sent a letter to the Town Board requesting a written determination from the Town that his client be able to construct 15 single family units and 16 two family units.

12) Reed Hill Subdivision:

At a prior meeting the Town Board accepted the road for the Reed Hill Subdivision. The waterline and storm sewer need to be accepted, along with acknowledgement that the Town will pay the Erie County Water Authority hydrant rental for the six hydrants in the subdivision.

13) 555 South Street:

Councilwoman Friess noted that the Town does not have a code that would allow the Town to recoup any expenses from maintaining a vacant and/or dilapidated property. For example, the grass at 555 South Street has not been mowed in a very long time and the Town can not go on the property, mow it and recoup the expense. Patrick Blizniak stated that the Town uses the NYS property and building maintenance code and mentioned that the Village has a code that covers the issues Councilwoman Friess addressed.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk