

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
August 19, 2014

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 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:	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
	Patrick Blizniak	Superintendent of Building
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Douglas Crow	Planning Board
	Bryan Smith	CRA Engineering
	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) Engineering Proposal – ECWA Direct Water Service:

Bryan Smith and Bill Wheeler discussed the proposal from CRA Engineering to provide professional engineering services in connection with the potential consolidation of the Town's water system with the Erie County Water Authority. The lump sum fee proposed is \$5,400 to prepare the Map and Plan for the project.

2) Lewis Road Culvert Replacement – water line protection:

During a recent rain storm, a portion of a culvert on Lewis Road collapsed. Since Lewis Road is a County road, the Erie County Highway Department will be in charge of replacing the culvert, but it is the Town's responsibility to protect the water line that runs along Lewis Road. The estimate from Union Concrete and Construction Corp. for labor, material and supervision to furnish and install a temporary water line support is \$47,494.88. Bryan Smith noted that National Fuel has a gas line that also needs support/protection during the culvert replacement and suggested that they be asked to pay for part of the support fee.

3) Dog Control Seminar Proposal:

David Gunner spoke to the Board about a proposal to host the Regional Dog and Animal Control Seminar. The Town of Webster has been host in the past and is no longer hosting the event. The tentative dates are April 30 through May 1, 2015. The two-day seminar would be held in the Southside Municipal Center Auditorium. DCO Sheryl Harris and Highway Secretary Liz Deveso are in the process of arranging for speakers, demonstrations, a Hawk Creek Wildlife Center field trip and other events. Mr. Gunner stated the \$65 registration fee should cover the cost of bus transportation to and from Hawk Creek and food and beverages for the seminar. Arrangements are being made with Hampton Inn to block off a group of rooms for attendees. Insurance for vendors and parking were also discussed.

4) Planning Board vacancies:

Supervisor Bach stated that Planning Board Chairman Don Owens is recommending that alternate member Douglas Crow be appointed to fill the Planning Board vacancy created when Al Fontanese resigned earlier this year. David Librock has expressed interest in becoming an alternate member to the Planning Board.

5) Quasar (Equate – sewer sludge):

Gene Limpinsel, a member of the Marilla Citizens Committee on Sewage Sludge, spoke to the Board about the Town of Marilla's experience with Quasar and their product, Equate, an anaerobically treated sewer sludge that is used as fertilizer. Mr. Limpinsel encouraged the Board to adopt a resolution urging the NYSDEC to revoke or deny permits granted or under consideration to Quasar Energy Group allowing "Equate" to be applied to farmland within Erie, Wyoming, and Niagara Counties. Councilwoman Jeffe suggested that Mr. Limpinsel contact the Association of Erie County Governments and speak at one of their meetings.

6) Emery Road Open Development Area Application:

The Planning Board reviewed the ODA application for SBL#187.00-4-52.12 Emery Road and recommended a single driveway to serve both lots. South Wales Fire Chief Mike McClure recommended both properties have a hydrant or that sprinklers be installed in the proposed residences. The applicant, Andrew Romanowski of ARR Holdings LLC, stated his first choice is to have a separate driveway for each of the two lots. Douglas Crow stated that the Planning Board's concern was that the driveway(s) would be located at a dip in Emery Road.

7) 992 Olean Road Site Plan:

Don Pressing, Jr. and his attorney, Peter Sorgi, were present to discuss the site plan for 992 Olean Road. Mr. Sorgi spoke about the timing issue for building a barn on the property by September 2014. He noted that Mr. Pressing can not obtain a building permit until the site plan is approved. Supervisor Bach stated the Board is waiting for a revised site plan. Mr. Pressing had requested an extension which the Board previously denied.

In a memo dated July 3, 2014, the Town Planning Board recommended that the Town Board approve the site plan with the following conditions:

1. Entrance driveway widened to 20 feet
2. The pinch point between the proposed building and the south property line be widened from 15 feet to 20 feet by moving said building to the north
3. All surface water from the proposed building be directed to the drainage ditch to the north
4. Exterior lights be properly shielded
5. Revision of question No. 12B on the SEQR form from no to yes

Mr. Sorgi stated that moving the building may not be possible due to the drainage ditch. Councilwoman Jeffe stated that Mr. Pressing's engineer needs to determine how close the building can be to the drainage swale. Mr. Sorgi noted that a revised site plan will be forthcoming.

8) Request for Street Lights on Reiter Road and Emery Road:

Lothlorien Therapeutic Riding Center is requesting street light on a pole near their driveway on Reiter Road and the Gow School is requesting a street light on a pole near the pedestrian crossing on Emery Road. NYSEG will be contacted to see what the options are for each request.

9) Carpet Maintenance Workshop:

Dan Hochadel has requested to attend a one-day carpet maintenance workshop at HJS Supply Co., Inc. in West Seneca on September 12, 2014 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. It was noted that the \$50 registration fee will be credited back to the Town in merchandise.

10) Mill Road Overlook – haying, benches, sign:

Councilwoman Jeffe discussed: 1) wording for the sign that the Scenic By-way Committee wants to erect at the overlook site; 2) having Joe Grover hay the property. It was noted that the Friends of Mill Road will be paying for this. The fee is \$500; 3) Benches have been selected and it is proposed that the Friends of Mill Road purchase the benches and donate them to the Town.

Councilman Snyder moved to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation with the Town Attorney, with no action being taken during the session. Seconded by Councilman Harris. Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.

Action #257
Board enters executive session.

Councilman Harris 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 #258
Board exits executive session & adjourns

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk