

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
November 26, 2018

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 5:30 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
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	Tony Rosati	ZBA Member

Supervisor Bach led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) Property Proposal – D. Owens:

Town of Aurora resident, Don Owens, presented the Board with a proposal to donate a parcel of land along Cazenovia Creek on the east side of Center Street. Mr. Owens noted that the land is for sale and he would like to purchase it and donate it to the Town. Mr. Owens stated that he believes the property should be owned by the Town and not someone else.

Councilwoman Jeffe stated she would like to visit the property to see what is there and how it could be accessed. Mrs. Jeffe noted she needs time to think about the offer.

Councilman Snyder asked Mr. Owens what his vision is for the property. Mr. Owens responded he sees it as an area where people could put a canoe into the creek to travel upstream to the Blakeley Road area.

Supervisor Bach stated that there are many trees that have fallen into the creek and that the Town was told by the NYSDEC that the Town could not remove them. Mr. Bach stated this would be discussed further before the Board makes any decision.

2) Willardshire Road – TE-9 Speed Study request:

Megan DePerro, Highland Drive, East Aurora, sent an email to Supervisor Bach requesting a speed limit reduction from 45 mph to 35 mph on Willardshire Road, citing an abundance of deer, many curves in the road, along with bumps and hills. Councilman Harris stated that he feels the road itself causes traffic to self-regulate. Councilwoman Friess stated that Police Chief Krieger should be asked about the number of accidents due to speeding on Willardshire Road. Councilwoman Jeffe stated it costs taxpayers money every time a TE9 speed study is requested and that there are numerous signs at the curves indicting that drivers should slow down. The Board consensus was not to pursue a TE9 at this time.

3) Waste Management contract:

Waste Management submitted an alternative proposal with their Garbage/Recycling bid. The alternative offers a reduction in the per-unit, per year cost in return for the Town approving the addition of recycling and fuel adjustment formulas in the contract. Pat Martino, Waste Management Public Sector Representative, met with the Board at their November 13th work session to discuss how the proposal would work. Mr. Martino stated that the Town generates approximately 613 tons of recyclables per year. The trucks used in Aurora run on diesel fuel. At the last work session, Councilwoman Jeffe asked if the Town could do a one-year trial for the alternative proposal with the contract reverting to the base price after one year. Mr. Martino provided a revised proposal to the Board that gives the Town the option to opt out of this part of the contract after a year. The WM contract will be on tonight's meeting agenda for consideration.

4) Health Insurance:

The Board discussed the Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance options offered to Town Employees and noted that the rates for 2019 are less than those of 2018. Councilwomen Jeffe and Friess stated that even though the rates are going down, the Town contribution should remain the same.

5) NYS Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance (Comp Alliance) – plan change:

In spring 2018, changes were made to the Plan Document for the NYS Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance of which the Town is a member including:

- Reorganize and clarify language throughout the document
- Separate the bylaws from the Plan Document
- Provide for an executed Participation Agreement
- Clarify the manner for joining and withdrawing from the Comp Alliance
- Simplify the plan for distribution of surplus and collection of assessments in the event the Comp Alliance ever winds up its affairs

Supervisor Bach stated that he would need authorization to sign the participation agreement. This will be on tonight's meeting agenda.

6) Intermunicipal Agreement with Village of East Aurora re: 571 Main St. and new Town and Village Hall on Oakwood Ave.:

The Board asked to discuss this with the Town Attorney outside of the public venue. The Board left the auditorium and met with the Town Attorney in the Supervisor's conference room prior to the start of the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Martha L. Librock, Town Clerk