

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
July 19, 2016

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, July 19, 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:	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman/Deputy Supervisor
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor

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 Board reviewed a proposed Special Event code. They will continue to review and revamp various Town codes.

7:00 p.m. Work Session

1) WNY Land Conservancy: Jackson Falls property:

Nancy Smith, Director of the WNY Land Conservancy, spoke to the Board about their efforts to purchase property on Center Street known as Jackson Falls aka Mother's Falls. Mrs. Smith stated that several things are needed:

- Waiver from the Town stating that they do not object to Hodgson Russ LLP doing legal work for the WNYLC
- Appraisals of Majors Park and Jackson Falls
- Legal description and Search/Survey information for Majors Park
- Documentation needs to be added to Majors Park deeds
- August 16th work session – target discussion date

Mrs. Smith noted that this will be a public use area, but they prefer it be a "gentle" public use.

Councilwoman Friess moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the letter of acknowledgement of no conflict (waiver) in order that Hodgson Russ, LLP may serve a legal counsel to the WNY Land Conservancy for the Jackson Falls property transactions.

Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:

ayes – five noes – none

Motion carried.

Action #212
No conflict ltr
re: legal
counsel for
Jackson Falls
purchase

Councilwoman Friess moved to give permission to the WNY Land Conservancy to have appraisals done for three Majors Park land parcels.

Councilwoman Jeffe seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken:

ayes – five noes – none

Motion carried.

Action #213
WNYLC
permitted to
get appraisals
for Major
Park
properties

2) Abandoned Vehicle – 92 Mitchell Road:

In a memo to the Town Board, Pat Blizniak requested that the Board set a public hearing in reference to Town Code Chapter 108 – Abandoned Vehicles to address an abandoned vehicle at 92 Mitchell Road. Attorney Bennett will review the request and outline a procedure for the Town Board to follow.

3) Community Pool:

Chris Musshafen spoke to the Board about items that may be able to be paid for from the \$100,000 grant that the Town received from NYS. The list included a new handicapped lift (\$7,000); vinyl fence (\$13,000); Gunite renovation of large pool (\$78,620); vinyl liner for main pool (\$84,038); vinyl liner for wading pool (\$22,527); wading pool step (\$6,000). The Board discussed using the grant for larger items and cover small items in the budget.

4. Highway – request to purchase airless paint sprayer:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting to purchase a Graco Brand Model 3400 airless paint sprayer to paint the Highway Garage building. After the building is painted, the unit would be used as a striping machine. Mr. Gunner is proposing that this be paid for from the Highway Building bond.

5. Aurora Mills Cluster Subdivision Preliminary Plat:

February 22, 2016 the Town Board approved the Aurora Mills Cluster Subdivision Sketch Plan. Patricia Bittar, Senior Project Manager, spoke about the changes that they believe to be necessary after on-site inspection and further review. The changes from the Sketch Plan to the Preliminary Plat include:

- Placement of sewer pump station in the northwest cul-de-sac.
- Size of the cul-de-sacs increased based in fire truck circulation.
- Lot layout changed slightly.
- Partial cul-de-sac at southeast corner of site was changed to a typical road curve due to actual location of a gas well.
- One retention pond instead of two.

The Board will need to consider whether the deviations from the Sketch Plan are significant. If they are not considered significant, then the Board may accept the changes as being non-significant deviations from the Sketch Plan.

6. Proposed Purchase of Aurora Senior Center and former East Aurora Fire Hall:

Town Attorney Ronald Bennett stated that the Village Attorney, on behalf of the Village Board, requested two amendments to the Contract for Purchase of the Aurora Senior Center and former East Aurora Fire Hall buildings on Oakwood Avenue. Paragraph 3 should have “*as is*” condition added. Paragraph 4 should read “...Seller represents that there are no *known* present or pending environmental violations...”

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk