

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
June 18, 2013

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, June 18, 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) Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) Piping Modifications:
In order for the water tank at the Aurora/Colden town line, referred to as the Townline Tank, to be drained and inspected, modifications need to be made to the piping. The ECWA lease manages Water District 18 where this tank is situated. The Authority would be willing to perform the necessary piping modifications if requested to do so by the Town. The estimated cost of this improvement is \$19,000 and would be paid by Water District 18. Councilman Bach stated he will contact the ECWA to further discuss this issue.
- 2) Townline Water Tank – Buffer trees:
The property owner to the south of the Townline water tank has requested that the trees originally planted as a site buffer which are now dead, be replaced. Bryan Smith suggested that the Town hire a nursery to install new trees and to get a guarantee on them. Councilman Harris suggested getting recommendations from a nursery for a type of tree or bush that won't die-off from the bottom and that deer won't eat. Highway Superintendent Gunner will get quotes and have the work done in Fall 2013.
- 3) Gleed Baseball Diamonds:
Supervisor Jeffe stated that complaints were received regarding the lack of baseline fencing on the ball diamonds used by young children. The Supervisor met with Peggy Cooke and Joe Orłowski at the field and it was decided that spectators will be asked to sit elsewhere. Baseline fencing will be installed at some point.
- 4) Dog Control:
 - A) An animal health inspector for the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets recently inspected the Town's dog control officer services, including the shelter. All persons responding to dog control issues in the Town need to be appointed as dog control officers.
 - B) The CSEA Union has requested that Sheryl Harris be hired as a full-time laborer under their contract. An MOA noting that Sheryl will be able to perform DCO duties while working as a laborer, but that the DCO duties are not part of the laborer job description.
 - C) Dog Control Officers that are hourly will receive a minimum of three (3) hours pay for dog control calls responded to after normal working hours.
- 5) Liability Release Format:
Councilman Collins is suggesting a uniform liability release form to be used by all Town departments, including on-line Recreation program registration. Attorney Bennett stated that there is a release for minors, a standard release form for individuals and a standard release form for team or association participation. Councilman Collins will contact

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Selective Insurance, the Town's insurance carrier, to obtain their form. Mr. Collins also noted that all of the Town's event contracts should indemnify the Town.

6) Justice Court Referrals:

The Building Department is requesting to send two property owners to court for violation of the Town Code and/or NYS Code. The owner of 555 South Street is cited for exterior property maintenance issues. The owner of 992 Olean is cited for conducting a business in an agriculture zone.

7) LENS Program:

The Town is participating in the LENS program for employees required to use Town vehicles as part of their job. The program reports motor vehicle infractions, loss of driver's license, etc. Supervisor Jeffe stated that the Town needs a policy on what will be done once any information is received. Mrs. Jeffe asked the Board if they felt employees who drive their own vehicles for the Town should be included in the program. The consensus was that those employees should report point infractions to the Town Supervisor's office.

8) Capital Projects; Site Specific Expenses:

Supervisor Jeffe noted that all expenses for capital projects need be paid for from the project budget. The Board discussed expenses for Community Pool and stated that all expenses for inside the pool area, including the fence surrounding the pool, are to be charged to the pool budget. Councilman Harris asked why Town labor was being used to move books for the Friends of the Library book sale.

Martha L. Librock

Town Clerk