

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
February 21, 2017

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 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:	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Camie Jarrell	GHD/Engineer
	Jerry Thompson	Planning Board Alternate
	Mark Hartley	EAFD

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

1) EAFD Truck purchase:

Mark Hartley spoke to the Board about the need for a new ladder truck for the East Aurora Fire Department. Mr. Hartley noted that the current truck is 30 years old and does not meet NFPA standards. He stated that parts are no longer available and the structural integrity of the ladder is questionable. Jamison Road Fire Department is the only other department in the area with a ladder truck. Both trucks are used to cover ten fire companies in the district. The cost of a new truck is over \$1 million. Shared services financial state aid was discussed and the Board felt that the fire department/village should look into it. Mr. Hartley stated that while the EAFD is part of the Village, the fire department felt that the Town Board should be aware of the situation since part of the Town receives fire protection from the EAFD.

2) Olean Road Rezoning Request:

The Board continued to discuss the rezoning request by Michael Gish for a lot on Olean Road. Councilwoman Jeffe stated she looked at the property and said that if this were to go through, she would like to see any development on the property pushed as far north as possible. Councilman Snyder stated he would like to see a topo map, drainage plan and site plan before considering the request. The Board discussed whether the rezoning should be from A to B-1 or B-2. They also discussed section 116-64 paragraph A of the (current) Town Code with respect to what would or could be allowed on the property should the rezoning take place.

3) Cash balance from sale of 300 Gleed (Enterprise Fund):

A portion of the funds from the sale of Town property at 300 Gleed Avenue were set aside to pay for the bonded indebtedness on the property. The \$905,530.33 balance of unreserved funds was transferred to the General Fund. The Board discussed whether this balance should be used toward the capital funds for the Senior Center and Fire Hall/Town Hall or just the Fire Hall/Town Hall. Councilman Harris suggested using it as a down payment toward the renovation of the fire hall into a town hall. Councilwoman Jeffe asked if the funds were to be assigned or committed.

4) Erie County 2017 Community Agency Funding Application:

Erie County has designated funds in the 2017 budget to be used toward the 2017 Community Funding program. \$2000 is earmarked for the Town of Aurora Senior Center. The Town needs to submit an application to the Department of Senior Services by March 14, 2017 to be eligible to receive the funds.

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5) Water District Consolidation/MWIA Legal Fees:

Attorney Nathan Neill provided legal services (special counsel) in 2014 and 2015 for the preliminary planning of the water district consolidation and Master Water Improvement Area development. Mr. Neill recently submitted an invoice for those services. The fee is \$3,456.

6) Troy & Banks:

Troy & Banks, Utility and Telecommunications Consultants, presented an agreement proposal for audit/survey of the Town's utility accounts for the purpose of securing refunds, credits and/or cost reductions resulting from the discovery of excess charges to the Town's accounts. The Board suggested that Troy & Banks be contacted to find out exactly what documentation the Town will need to provide.

7) Aurora Mills Cluster Subdivision – Final Plat:

The final plat for the Aurora Mills Cluster Subdivision was submitted to the Town Clerk on February 13, 2017. Attorney Peter Sorgi and Engineer Patricia Bittar were present at this work session to discuss the submission. Ms. Bittar noted that the sewer pump station has been moved from the center of the northern cul-de-sac and placed in an area behind lot #16. The developer is also requesting that they be allowed to construct the roadway without meeting the Town's specifications. Ms. Bittar stated there is a geo-tech evaluation that will substantiate their request. Camie Jarrell stated that she would like to obtain a copy of the geo-tech evaluation in order for GHD engineers to review it and offer their opinion to the Town with respect to the road construction.

Councilman Snyder and Supervisor Bach stated they think private roads in a subdivision need to meet the Town's specifications for construction. Supervisor Bach said that prior developments had to follow the specifications/code and he wants future developments to follow them, too.

Camie Jarrell noted that the conservation area needs to be delineated on the final plat.

Ms. Bittar asked if the plans for the final plat could be forwarded to the Planning Board, so the members have it to review prior to their March 1st meeting.

8) Zoning Map:

The Board received a draft of the proposed changes to the Town zoning map.

Martha L. Librock

Town Clerk