

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
March 18, 2014

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:00 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
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney

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) Highway/DCO – Request to attend seminar:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting approval to send Dog Control Officer Sheryl Harris, Assistant Dog Control Officer David Thomason and Highway clerk Elizabeth Deveso to the Town of Webster animal control seminar on April 29-30, 2014 in Webster, NY. The registration fee of \$65 per person and overnight lodging of \$50 per room will be paid from A3510.404 which has a balance of \$450. This will be put on the 3/24/14 agenda.

2) Highway/Parks – Request RPT employee:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting to change the civil service title of Paul Kielich from laborer part-time to laborer RPT (regular part-time/can work up to 39 hours per week) at a rate of \$15/hour effective April 7, 2014. Mr. Gunner stated that Mr. Kielich will work when the weather is dry and not work if it rains. Councilman Snyder asked if his work schedule will be on a day-by-day basis and Mr. Gunner responded, yes. This will be placed on the 3/24/14 agenda.

3) Highway/Water – Request to attend event:

Highway Superintendent Gunner is requesting approval to attend the NYSAWWA event in Rochester, NY on May 13-15, 2014 in order to accumulate hours needed to maintain his Class D water operator license. Mr. Gunner stated he needs five (5) hours before July 1, 2014. Supervisor Bach asked if there was local training. Mr. Gunner responded there is, but he is usually too busy to attend when they are scheduled. This will be placed on the 3/24/14 agenda.

4) Highway Shared Services Agreement:

Highway Superintendent Gunner presented an inter-municipal highway shared services agreement that was prepared by the Town Highway Superintendents Association of Erie County, Inc. The agreement authorizes the Highway Superintendent to enter into shared service or shared equipment arrangements with other towns or villages that have entered into the same agreement. This will be placed on the 3/24/14 agenda.

5) Community Gardens – update:

Richard Wiesen, Linden Ave., appeared before the Board as a representative of the Aurora Community Gardens. Mr. Wiesen said there is a five (5) person board of directors. Mr. Wiesen stated that they want to increase the number of active gardeners and are working on a brochure and on having an open house. After further discussion, Supervisor Bach requested that Mr. Wiesen provide the Town with the following:

- By-laws
- List of the officers names
- Minutes of the incorporation
- Up-to-date list of members
- Treasurer's report

Councilwoman Friess stated this needs to be an open process and a public garden, not just open to a select few. Mr. Wiesen asked that the Board give them some time to get this done.

6) Legacy Polo Grounds:

Frank Chinnici, developer, and Peter Sorgi, attorney, spoke to the Board about the number of and density of units they believe should be allowed at the Polo Grounds development on Quaker Road. Mr. Chinnici stated he wants to have forty-seven (47) units in any combination of singles or doubles. Mr. Sorgi stated they would like the Town Board to enter into a second partial settlement agreement allowing any combination of singles and doubles totaling 47 units. Mr. Sorgi noted they are going to go before the town's Zoning Board of Appeals for an area variance. This will be placed on the 3/24/14 agenda.

7) Rezoning 992 Olean with conditions- Local Law Intro. 1-2014:

Don Pressing, Jr. (as agent for Don Pressing, Sr.) is requesting to have the property at 992 Olean rezoned from a combination of A (agriculture) and B1 (business 1) to all B1. The Town Board and Mr. Pressing have been discussing this for some time. As a result of these discussions a Restrictive Covenant Agreement was prepared by the Town Attorney. Attorney Bennett reiterated that Donald Pressing Sr., as owner of the property, would have to agree to and sign the agreement. The restrictive covenant addresses the following: use of the property; parking and storing of motor vehicles; buffering; outside storage; semi-trailer; proposed pole barn/new building; hours of operation; and farm use.

Mr. Pressing Jr. stated the trailer will be removed as soon as the pole barn/new building is built. When asked by the Town Attorney if he was agreeable to the conditions, Mr. Pressing Jr. responded, he was.

Supervisor Bach stated the public hearing on the local law to rezone the property is being held on March 24, 2014 at 7:00p.m.

8) Elma Water Rate Increase:

Supervisor Bach stated the Town received notice from the Town of Elma that the Elma Town Board approved a new rate structure for all water purchases after March 21, 2014. This increase will effect Aurora water districts 1 North, 1 extension 1, 235, 14 and 12. Water rates in some of the Town districts will need to be adjusted.

9) Sale of Town-owned Jewett Holmwood property:

In October 2011 the Town Board declared the property at 44 Jewett Holmwood Road as surplus property. The Town needs to abandon a portion of the road that is on the property. At a prior work session the Board discussed how to dispose of the property and the consensus was to sell the property via sealed bid. Bid documents have been prepared and reviewed by the Town Attorney. Supervisor Bach stated the Town Attorney and Town Clerk should compile all the documents necessary for the sale in order for it to be discuss at the April 22, 2014 work session.

10) Request to be Out of District Water Customer to Village of East Aurora:

Kathy Burr, owner of property on the south side of Beech Road east of and abutting 225 Beech, is requesting to become an out-of-district water customer to the Village of East Aurora. Properties on the south side of Beech are in the Town and properties on the north side are in the Village. A Village owned water main is located in the north side of the road. According to the Village DPW Superintendent the water line is accessible at this point, but a road cut is needed to access it for a tap. If approved by the Town Board, the property owner would then request approval for OOD status from the Village Board. This will be placed on the 3/24/14 agenda.