

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
June 20, 2017

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, June 20, 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:	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
Absent/Excused	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	Camie Jarrell	GHD/Engineer
	Elizabeth Cassidy	Building Clerk

Councilwoman Jeffe led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) Blakeley Road Open Development Area:

Ben and Chelsea Woods have submitted an application for an Open Development Area (lot with no direct road frontage). Mr. and Mrs. Woods are requesting a variance/exception from the requirement to have a residential sprinkler system installed in their house when it is built due to the anticipated cost. The Woods' obtained an estimate from All State Fire & Security for \$20,984. Mr. Woods stated that the cost is 1/10 of their building budget. Bill Kramer stated this requirement is not part of the NY State building code, but it is in our code. Mr. Kramer stated that he spoke with a local contractor and was given a \$6-\$7 per square foot cost plus design cost for sprinkler installation. For the Woods' house, this would be about \$16,000 plus the cost to design the system. Councilman Snyder stated he would like to see the variance/exception granted. Councilwoman Jeffe stated that in her opinion the sprinkler system is a responsible practice, but did not realize the cost could be so high.

David Fatta stated that he is looking to build a home on an ODA lot and talked with an engineer from a sprinkler installation company and was given an estimate of over \$20,000 for his proposed house. He asked if the Town could or would reconsider this requirement in the law.

Councilwoman Jeffe requested that the Town Attorney prepare a resolution for the June 26, 2017 Town Board meeting.

2) Special Use Permit – Dog Kennel at 361 Cook Road:

Robert Weiner as agent for Joseph Weiner submitted an application for a special use permit to operate a dog kennel at 361 Cook Road. Rob Weiner stated that he wants to build a 46' by 28' garage with kennel space inside for five kennels. The five-dog kennel would specialize in offering quality Detection dogs for law enforcement agencies or K-9 companies with government contracts. Mr. Weiner stated he sells dogs to police departments and also trains therapy dogs. He noted that he is asking for a five-dog kennel, but would most likely only have two dogs at a time. It would be specifically for training and not for breeding dogs. The kennel would not be open to the public. Visits scheduled for the purpose of purchasing these dogs would be by invitation and appointment only. They are proposing to build a garage-type structure that would include the kennel area.

Councilman Snyder asked if there would be a penned area. Mr. Weiner responded it would be behind the garage into the woods. He would put extra soundproofing in the kennel area and these dogs are trained not to bark.

Councilwoman Jeffe stated this request would need a public hearing and neighbors would be notified. Mr. Weiner stated he spoke with the neighbors and they did not have any objections.

3) Aurora Adult Day Services – Kitchen Renovation:

Aurora Adult Day Services (AADS) is currently a tenant in the Town owned building at 101 King Street, which also is home to the Aurora Senior Center. AADS is proposing to renovate/remodel the current kitchen in the area that they occupy. They want to replace the existing cabinets and appliances, along with replacing the entire floor in the AADS area with laminate. They have received a grant to be used toward the project. The Board discussed prevailing wage requirements. They also discussed the plans and need for electrical and plumbing inspection. Councilman Snyder noted that the plans they are considering call for the cabinets to be in front of a portion of the window at the rear of the building.

4) Rubbish Fund Budget Amendments:

In a memo to the Town Board, Kathleen Moffat is requesting that the Board consider the following budget amendments to record the receipt of funds from the recent sale of two surplus Ford F150 pickup trucks.

- Add revenue line SR2665 Sale of Equipment
- Increase SR2665 by \$4,375
- Increase appropriation line SR8189.401 Recycling Services by \$4,375

5) New Recreation Program – Diving Camp:

Chris Musshafen is requesting approval to offer a one-week diving camp through the Recreation Department to be held at the East Aurora High School from July 10-14, 2017.

6) EAST Coach Wage Increase:

Chris Musshafen is requesting approval for a rate increase for six EAST coaches. Supervisor Bach requested that Mr. Musshafen provide a rate chart for the EAST coaches similar to the lifeguard and recreation attendant charts that he provides to the Board annually.

7) Aurora Mills Cluster Subdivision:

At their June 12, 2017 meeting, the Town Board set a further public hearing on the Aurora Mills Cluster Subdivision Final Plat for Monday, June 26, 2017. Camie Jarrell, GHD, stated that all the engineering comments were addressed. The roads will be built to town standards with the exception of the width. There will be a conservation easement on all the land that is not proposed to be developed on the final plat.

Peter Sorgi, Attorney for the developer, stated the utility documentation is forth coming. Mr. Sorgi also stated the condominium formation documents are being prepared, but will not be submitted to the State until the developer takes ownership of the property.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk