

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

January 17, 2012

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a work session.

Present:	Susan Friess Jeffrey T. Harris James J. Bach James F. Collins	Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Councilman Councilman Councilman
Absent/Excused:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett Bryan Smith David Gunner Sheryl Harris	Town Attorney Town Engineer Highway Superintendent Dog Control Officer (DCO)

Deputy Supervisor Friess opened the work session at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Board met to discuss the following:

- 1) CodeRED presentation:
Representatives from Emergency Communications Network (ECN) gave a PowerPoint presentation on their CodeRED emergency communication service. The service is designed to enable local government officials to record, send and track personalized voice, email and text messages to thousands of citizens within minutes. It was noted that the towns of Elma, Marilla and Lancaster currently subscribe to this service. The notification can be used for emergencies as well as general information messages. The costs range from \$7,000 to \$10,000 per year depending on the level of service.
- 2) Erie County Sewer District 8:
Erie County is requesting lead agency status for the Geneva Road Sanitary Sewer Extension in the Town. The County has identified this project as a Type 1 action for purposes of SEQR and provided a copy of the Environmental Assessment Form for Town personnel to review.
- 3) Dog Control Vehicle Use:
DCO Sheryl Harris is requesting to be able to take the dog control truck home, rather than parking it at 300 Gleed, in order to respond to after-hours calls more quickly while the assistant dog control officer is recovering from surgery or until an additional assistant can be hired. Mrs. Harris also requested to be able to advertise for a second assistant to use for back-up. This will be placed on the 1/23/12 agenda.
- 4) CATV Committee and funding:
At their 2012 Organizational Meeting the Town Board did not appoint a CATV Committee. Councilwoman Friess stated that one of the former committee members believes that the CATV committee should remain intact in order to see if it can come up with a funding solution. Several of the Board members stated that the Town doesn't need a formal committee for someone to investigate funding sources. If there are funding opportunities, then a CATV committee can be reinstated.
- 5) Electronic Recycling:
The Board discussed the possibility of having an electronic waste (computers, printers, etc.) pickup location in the Town on a quarterly basis. The Town Clerk will contact recycling companies to see what programs they have to offer.

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- 6) Meeting/Seminar Attendance Policy:
The Board discussed adopting a policy/guideline authorizing certain Town officials and employees to attend monthly and annual meetings, seminars and other events. A preliminary proposal was given to the Board to review.
- 7) Pick-up truck bid results:
Results from the 2012 4X2 pickup truck bid opening were reviewed. Five bids were opened, with DeLacy Ford of Elma, NY coming in with a low bid of \$15,986.00. The Highway Superintendent is reviewing DeLacy's bid to see if it meets specifications. This will be placed on the 1/23/12 meeting agenda.
- 8) Open Development Local Law:
A public hearing was held on January 9, 2012 on amendments to the Town's Open Development Code. After additional review, several Board members felt that the word "may" in one section of the code should be changed to "shall". The Town Attorney advised that if the change is made, a further public hearing needs to be held. This will be placed on the 1/23/12 meeting agenda.

Martha L. Librock
Town Clerk