

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
October 22, 2018

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 5:30 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:	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	Kathleen Moffat	Asst. to Supervisor
	William Wheeler	Engineer/GHD
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Tony Rosati	ZBA Member

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

1) Spectrum high-speed internet:

Kathleen Moffat spoke to the Board about adding high-speed internet at Community Pool and Hamlin Park. Councilwoman Jeffe questioned why at Hamlin Park. Ms. Moffat responded that Recreation needs it during the summer when they have programming there. She noted that they currently use a “hotspot”. Councilwoman Friess asked if the Town could get a hotspot for Recreation to use at Hamlin Park.

Ms. Moffat noted that in 2019, the ORPS program use by the Assessor will be all cloud based and the new building department software program will be close and server based. Both applications will need high-speed internet. Spectrum has provided pricing for upgrading the Town’s internet service. Attorney Bennett will review the contracts.

2) Eagle Scout Project – Knox Farm State Park:

In 2017, James Hasselbeck submitted a request to the Town Board to conduct his Eagle Scout project, building a shelter at the east end of the soccer fields at Knox Farm State Park. The Board referred the project to the NYS Parks and recently James received a building permit from the State to construct the shelter.

Supervisor Bach asked how the project would be paid for. James responded that he already has some donations and will approach Lowe’s and Home Depot to see if they can contribute to the project. This will be on tonight’s meeting agenda for consideration.

3) Open Development Area with variance – 643 Knox Road:

Sally and Richard Erbe have submitted an application for an ODA to construct a single family home that will require front yard and side yard variances. Mrs. Erbe and the builder, Tom Johnson, were present. Mr. Johnson stated that where they want to put the house is the best place on the lot since the lot has dramatic grade drops and substantial fill was discovered in some areas. Mr. Johnson stated that the house needs to be built where there have been no disturbances. This will be on tonight’s meeting agenda for consideration to forward to the Planning Board.

4) CDBG Project Proposal:

Supervisor Bach and Councilman Snyder stated that the Town would like to apply for CDBG funds to replace the rooftop HVAC units at the Aurora Senior Center. This will be on tonight's meeting agenda for consideration.

5) Highway – Mower/Tractor purchases:

The Town is bonding \$181,000 for the purchase of mowers, a tractor and a leaf vacuum. The Board previously approved the purchase of the leaf vacuum and was waiting before deciding on the purchase of the remaining equipment. Highway Superintendent Gunner told the Board that due to pending tariffs, the prices of the remaining equipment would be facing cost increases of approximately 10%. This will be on tonight's meeting agenda for consideration.

6) LED Street Lighting:

Councilman Snyder stated that he and Councilwoman Friess attended a seminar conducted by Tanko Lighting and NYPA. The seminar addressed electric savings that could be realized if the Town was to convert to LED street lights. After further discussion, the Board agreed that more research needs to be done before they make any decision.

7) Waste Management – Garbage/Recycling Contract:

Waste Management submitted an alternate proposal with their Garbage/Recycling bid. The alternate is about the pricing of recyclables. The Town Clerk was asked to invite the Waste Management representative to the next work session to discuss this.

8) Special Use Permit – 686 Quaker/Campground:

The application from Greg Schneider for a special use permit for a campground on his property at 686 Quaker Road was previously referred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board reviewed the application, visited the site and voted to recommend the plan, with some contingencies. Mr. Schneider described the proposed project, noting that he would use the well water on his property for the campground. It was noted that this well also serves Mr. Schneider's home on the same parcel. William Wheeler, GHD, noted that by doing so, Mr. Schneider might be proposing a private water system that would need health department approval and/or regular testing.

Supervisor Bach gave Mr. Schneider a list of questions and topics that he needs to address, in writing, prior to the next work session.