

TOWN OF AURORA
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
February 21, 2012

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, NY, for the purpose of holding a work session.

Present:	Jolene M. Jeffe Jeffrey T. Harris James J. Bach James F. Collins	Supervisor Councilman Councilman Councilman
Absent/Excused:	Susan Friess	Councilwoman
Others Present:	Edward Snyder Bryan Smith Patrick Blizniak Sheryl Harris George Oliver	Deputy Town Attorney Town Engineer Superintendent of Building Dog Control Officer (DCO) Library Board member

Supervisor Jeffe 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) Aurora Town Library:
The library grant money needs to be expended by the end of May 2012. The main item to be paid for through the grant is replacement of the electrical service to the building, including outside box and breakers. Three quotes are needed for the project. Pat Blizniak stated he is working with Scott Warning on preparing specifications. Library Board member George Oliver noted that there was still no word on the grant that was applied for to repair the library roof. Mr. Oliver stated that the Friends of the Library would provide funds to replace flooring throughout the facility.
- 2) Public Officers Law Section 103(e):
Effective February 2, 2012, “to the extent practicable”, government agencies that maintain a regularly and routinely updated website that uses high speed internet are required to post the records that are to be discussed by a public body during an open meeting on the website prior to the meeting. Town personnel are working on achieving this, but in the meantime, all the records are available to the public at the Town Clerk’s office.
- 3) Engineering/Architectural Construction Support Svcs. Proposal for Renovations to 300 Glead:
On August 24, 2011, Supervisor Jeffe signed a professional services agreement for the design phase of renovations. The construction phase coverage was removed from that original agreement due to the Town Board not knowing at that time if they were going to engage a clerk of the works to help oversee the project. The current Construction Support Services proposal defines which services the engineer and architect will provide and which services will be covered by the clerk of the works.
- 4) Federal Tax Law/IRS Compliance Procedures – Bond and Note Financings:
Town Bonding Attorneys John Alessi and Jeffrey Stone of Hodgson Russ informed the Board of a recent IRS initiative urging the establishment of formal written procedures to monitor post-issuance compliance with federal tax rules regarding the issuance of tax-exempt bonds and notes. The Town will adopt a procedure and designate a Compliance Officer who will monitor post-issuance compliance.
- 5) Dog Census:
Dog Control Officer Sheryl Harris is requesting to conduct a house-to-house dog census in the Town outside the Village. She is also requesting to hire two enumerators who would be paid \$1.00 per dog counted during the census, plus mileage for use of their personal vehicles.
- 6) Meeting/Seminar Attendance Policy:
The Board discussed adopting a policy that would allow certain Town employees and officials to attend designated monthly meetings, seminars, etc. without having to obtain

- Board approval each time. The proposed policy lists which meetings or seminars employees/officials may attend throughout the year. Overnight conferences and/or functions costing more than \$400 (including mileage reimbursement) would still need Board approval. This policy would then be included in future annual organizational meetings.
- 7) **Waste Management Recycling Program:**
Representatives of Waste Management and Recyclebank met with Town officials to discuss a proposal whereby Town residents (outside the Village) could participate in a curbside recycling incentives program. The program is a national competition that will encourage 50 municipalities and/or counties (one from each State) to raise residential recycling performance. The Town of Aurora was chosen by Waste Management and Recyclebank to represent New York State.
 - 8) **Hawk Creek:**
Supervisor Jeffe and Councilman Bach met with Loretta Jones, Director of Hawk Creek, to discuss the needs of Hawk Creek. Ms. Jones informed them that they are looking for approximately 20 acres for the program. Bill Patterson, Grover Road, stated that there are 26 acres available on Grover Road (part of Donaldson Tree Farm).
 - 9) **Drug Awareness Forum:**
Supervisor Jeffe stated that a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness forum will be held on March 27, 2012 at the East Aurora Theater. The program will meet the needs of all incoming high school freshmen. The Supervisor noted that drug and alcohol abuse are not just school problems, but a community problem as well. Everyone is welcome to attend.
 - 10) **63rd Senate Seat:**
The Board discussed the proposal to add a 63rd Senate District in New York State.
 - 11) **NFTA Bus Route Eliminations and Reductions:**
The Board discussed the NFTA's proposal to reduce and/or restructure bus routes in the Southtowns. Several towns have already adopted resolutions opposing the reduction in service proposal. Councilman Bach noted that as gasoline prices increase the use of bus service will probably increase.
 - 12) **Sweet Road Open Development Area application:**
At their February meeting the Planning Board voted to approve the Sweet Road ODA contingent upon recommendation from the East Aurora Fire Department regarding the layout and turn-around of the proposed driveway.
 - 13) **Town Code Chapter 65 Sections 8-21**
Town Prosecutor Edward (Ned) Snyder informed Town Attorney Ronald Bennett that he is having difficulty enforcing the Town Code regarding building, building permits, etc., since the penalties called for in the code apply to misdemeanor charges, not violations. Mr. Snyder is asking that the code be changed in order for the actions of the Building Inspectors to be effective. The current code calls for \$1,000 fine or a year imprisonment. The proposed language would be a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$250 for each violation.
 - 14) **Failure to File Oath of Office:**
Several persons who were appointed to various committees and boards at the January 9, 2012 Organizational Meeting either failed to file their oath of office card or filed late. Since failure to file leaves a vacancy on the committee/board, the Town Board will need to either reappoint these individuals or appoint someone else to the position(s).