

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
February 17, 2015

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 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
	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Edward Snyder	Deputy Town Attorney
	Patrick Blizniak	Supt. of Building

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) Building Department Fee Schedule/Structural Component Stickers:

Patrick Blizniak spoke to the Board about a new section of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York that addresses residential structures with truss type construction, pre-engineered wood construction and/or timber construction. The new code requires the property owner or the owners duly authorized representative to notify the authority having jurisdiction (i.e. Town of Aurora Building Department) when the new residential structure, addition or rehabilitation project is using trusses, etc. Additionally, a sticker indicating the use of trusses, etc., must be displayed on or next to the electric box on the residence. Mr. Blizniak and the Board discussed providing the stickers at a cost to the homeowner or having the homeowner or contractor obtain the sticker on their own. Several Board members suggested waiting until the code is in its final format before deciding, but leaned toward having the homeowner/contractor responsible for obtaining the sticker.

2) Open Development Area (ODA) – 1346-1350 E. Main Street:

Robert Harris has submitted an application for an Open Development Area (flag lot) at 1346-1350 East Main Street. Currently there is one flag lot with a house and an architect office building. Mr. Harris' intent is to split the property into two lots – one with the house and the other with the architect office building. Christine Bosch, potential purchaser of the parcel with the house, was present. The Zoning Board of Appeals granted a twenty-five foot width variance for the ingress/egress portion of the lot with the condition that the driveway have a hardpan surface 20 feet in width. The ODA application was forwarded to the Planning Board who voted to recommend approval with the same condition set by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Discussion took place as to who was responsible for determining whether or not there was 20 feet of hardpan.

3) National Fuel Gas Meter & Regulator Lot Lease:

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (NFG) is requesting a Meter and Regulator Lot Lease with the Town for a sixty feet by ten feet area to the east of the Community Pool parking lot. The Board had the following questions: 1) why does NFG need the lease; 2) where will the meter and/or regulator be located; 3) will this fix the gas leak problem on South Street; 4) can this be located anywhere else; and 5) would this restrict the Town in any way in the exercise of the use of the recreation park. Other concerns noted were: 1) according to the lease, the Town has no right to terminate, but NFG does; and 2) if the lease is terminated, NFG does not have to remove any of their property from the location. The Board noted that until these questions and concerns are addressed, they could not make a decision.

4) Scenic Byway Sign for Mill Road Overlook:

A Scenic Byway Sign is proposed for the Mill Road Overlook. The Board reviewed the wording proposed for the sign.

5) Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) policy:

Kathleen Moffat, Secretary to the Supervisor, has requested that the Town Board approve a policy and procedure to address employees whose HRA accounts are not in compliance and who have not submitted the proper paperwork within the given timeframe. It is being proposed that Bene-Care, the Town's health insurance broker, be authorized to block the employee's HRA debit card until such time that the employee's account is in compliance.

6) Back Yard Bash – Temporary Use Permit:

The Town will be applying to the Village of East Aurora for the temporary use permit required for the Back Yard Bash music series to be held in the parking lot behind Vidler's. The Village recently adopted a \$100 mailing fee for any outdoor music events or events requiring road or parking lot closure. The Supervisor is being asked to sign the indemnification form that accompanies the agreement. Supervisor Bach noted that the Town would not be paying the \$100 fee, and that other businesses involved will pay the fee.

7) Knox Farm State Park – Temporary Use Permit application for Polo Match:

The Stables at Knox, Inc. are requesting a temporary use permit to hold a polo match at the polo field, soccer field and equestrian area of Knox Farm State Park. Supervisor Bach stated the State (Parks) and the Arsenal Soccer Club are okay with the arrangement.

Martha L. Librock  
Town Clerk