

TOWN OF AURORA  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
May 22, 2018

The following members of the Aurora Town Board met on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 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:	Susan A. Friess	Councilwoman
	Jeffrey T. Harris	Councilman
	Charles D. Snyder	Councilman/Deputy Supervisor
Absent/Excused:	Jolene M. Jeffe	Councilwoman
	James J. Bach	Supervisor
Others Present:	Ronald Bennett	Town Attorney
	William Kramer	Code Enforcement Officer
	David Gunner	Highway Superintendent
	Chris Musshafen	Recreation/Aquatics Director
	Tony Rosati	ZBA Member

Councilman Snyder led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1) Eagle Scout Project – Aurora Senior Center Bike Rack:

Chris Sieracki from Boy Scout Troop 513 presented a proposal for to the Board for his Eagle Scout project. Chris would like to install a bike rack outside the entrance to the Senior Center. The project includes a stone tile sidewalk around and under the base of the bike rack. The tiles would be similar the ones already in place in front of the Senior Center. The bike rack would be securely anchored to the ground. He would like to complete the project later this summer or early next spring if necessary. This will be placed on the May 29, 2018 meeting agenda.

2) Willardshire Road – Request for ODA variance:

Charles Skalski, owner of 1049 Willardshire Road, is requesting a front yard setback variance for the house he plans to build on this lot. ODA approval was granted in November 2017. The setback requirement is 200 feet and he is requesting a setback of 100 feet. Mr. Skalski stated that the previous owner had already cleared an 85' by 90' area and that is where he would like his house to be built.

Councilman Snyder asked where the septic system would be placed and the response was they did not know at this time. Mr. Skalski stated he knows that additional trees will need to be removed, but wants to remove as few trees as possible.

The Board requested that Mr. Skalski and his architect provide a site plan showing exact placement of the house, septic system, driveway, and any other pertinent items.

3) Quaker Road Rezoning request:

Mr. Green's attorney withdrew this request in order that he and his client could review options under the new Town Code.

4) Pool Membership Donation request:

Parkdale Elementary School is requesting a donation from the Town for the Parkdale Carnival benefit for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Recreation/Aquatics Director Chris Musshafen presented a memo to the Board requesting approval to donate a Community Pool Family Membership. After some discussion, it was noted that the Board had previously decided that giving a pool membership is a gift of public funds, and is not allowed.

5) Community Pool – Vending Machines:

This request was withdrawn by Chris Musshafen and the vendor.

6) Highway – 4-day/10-hour workweek:

Highway Superintendent David Gunner is requesting Board approval for highway employees to work a 4-day/10-hour workweek beginning June 4, 2018 and ending August 31, 2018. This will be placed on the May 29, 2018 meeting agenda.

7) Highway – Purchase request:

Highway Superintendent Gunner presented a list of equipment that he would like to purchase:

- ODB Model LCT650 leaf vacuum \$38,639.75
- Toro Model Groundsmaster 4000-D 11' gull wing mower \$64,403.90
- Kubota Model L6060HSTC Turf Tire Tractor \$36,660.69
- Land Pride Model LP2020 14' gull wing tow behind mower \$16,234.17

Mr. Gunner stated that a new leaf vacuum is needed because one of the current vacuums has a blown motor. He explained the need to have both gull wing mowers stating that the tow behind is used at Knox Park and West Falls Park. The self-propelled gull wing mower is used at community pool, Majors Park and Hamlin Park. Mr. Gunner stated that the Kubota tractor could be on a wish list. Councilwoman Friess stated she and the Board need to take a look at the larger bonding picture before any decision could be made. Mr. Gunner then stated the leaf vacuum is needed, but the rest could wait a year or two.

8) Majors Park Capital Project closeout:

The Board discussed closeout of the Majors Park Capital Project. The budget for this capital project has a deficit of \$27,610.27. In order to close out the project a fund transfer from either General Fund fund balance or Contingency needs to occur. After some discussion, the Board decided the funds should come from fund balance. This will be placed on the May 29, 2018 meeting agenda.

9) Dig Once Resolution:

After some discussion, those Board members present did not feel the need to adopt a resolution calling for a “Dig Once” policy at this time.

10) MWIA Charges – 416 Maple Road:

The property owner at 416 Maple questioned why the MWIA charges for debt service and fire hydrant rent are on his Town/County tax bill when he is an Elma water customer. The parcel is located in the Town of Aurora and in Water District 235. In 1998, the property owner applied to the Elma Water Department for water service and the tap was made into the Elma water main, just north of the master meter and Town of Aurora water main. The Town Clerk spoke with the Elma Water Clerk and Water Director and they stated they did not know why the tap was done on the Elma main.

11) Garbage/Recycling Contract:

The Town’s contract with Waste Management for garbage and recycling pickup expires 12/31/18. The Board reviewed what the current contract covers and did not feel that any changes needed to be made, except that they want to know if there is a cost savings if the limit was changed from 8 cans/trash bags to 4 or 6.