

October 4, 2010

**EAST AURORA VILLAGE BOARD
WORK-SESSION
OCTOBER 4, 2010**

Present: Mayor Allan Kasprzak

Trustees Pete Mercurio, Pat Shea, Libby Weberg, Ernie Scheer, Randy West & Kevin Biggs

Also Present:

Kimberly Reichert, Village Administrator
Robert Pierce, Village Attorney
John Spooner, ZBA Chairman
Matt Hoeh, Superintendent of Public Works
William Kramer, Building Inspector
Joyce Jezewski, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
EA Advertiser
8 Members of the public and ZBA

Mayor Kasprzak called the work-session to order at 7:00pm.

1. Laura Landers, Freed, Maxick & Battaglia- report on audited financial statements FY 2009-10

ACTION: **OTHER** - **Ms. Landers** explained the financial statements for fiscal year June 1, 2009- May 31, 2010 and spent time explaining the Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) which are now booked as an unfunded liability of \$2,855,555. She also commented that the financial reporting for the Village has improved significantly over the past several years and that is reflected in the audit comments filed with the Board.

2. Status of Donata Ahern property & Cazenovia Sanctuary Plan

ACTION: **AGENDA NEXT MEETING** - **Nancy Smith** from the Western NY Land Conservancy reported to the board that the person that offered to donate \$15,000 to the village for the purpose of purchasing this property would also be willing to purchase the property for \$15,000 directly from the Bank of Holland and then donate it to the Village. This would leave the Village responsible for the back taxes (approximately \$8400 and demolition costs (estimated to be in the range of \$8000 to \$15,000). **Attorney Pierce** will contact the bank attorney and discuss. The Board will discuss further at the next meeting and seek input from the community on this proposed project.

3. John Spooner, Chairman of ZBA, Re: sign code, specifically Chapter 209-5 D-back lit signs

ACTION: **NEXT WORK-SESSION** - **Mr. Spooner** attended the work-session to express concerns of the ZBA with the sign code specifically regarding internally lit signs. He stated that there are currently 60 internally lit business signs in the village. The ZBA feels that this code places an undue hardship and a financial burden on village businesses. He continued that 7 out of 8 variance applications they have had were for plaza signs. **Trustee Scheer** commented that the board should not be putting barriers in the way of local business. **Gary Grote**, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce commented that the East Aurora Chamber of Commerce has unanimously gone on record urging the Village Board to rescind this code provision. Discussion will continue at the next work-session.

4. Board room hook-up for live broadcasts of meetings

ACTION: **NEXT WORK-SESSION** - Discussion tabled to next work-session.

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5. Transportation Safety Committee report: Porterville, Center & Prospect, Buffalo Rd school crosswalk

ACTION: **NEXT WORK-SESSION** – Discussion tabled to next work-session.

6. Joe Logan Request to rename Temple Place to “Lucas Way”

ACTION: **NEXT WORK-SESSION** - **Trustee Shea** will propose a process for the Board to use when a request to rename a street is given to the Village Board for consideration.

7. Memorandum of Understanding with Western New York (WNY) Storm Water Coalition

ACTION: **AGENDA NEXT MEETING**- Board will authorize Mayor to sign memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

8. Amendment to Chapter §112-2 Demotion –memo from Bill Kramer

ACTION: **NEXT WORK-SESSION** – **Mr. Kramer & Trustee Mercurio** did not meet to discuss the recommendation, so discussion was tabled to the next work-session.

9. Discussion on CDBG project for 2011- new roof on Senior Center –Town will support our application

ACTION: **AGENDA NEXT MEETING**

10. Correspondence from Town regarding Bridge maintenance

ACTION: **OTHER**- **Attorney Pierce** will respond to **Supervisor Jeffe's** letter dated September 21, 2010, which stated that the Town's position is that it is not responsible for the care and maintenance of bridges within the village.

11. CSEA negotiations status

ACTION: **OTHER**- next scheduled negotiation session is October 19, 2010 at 2:30pm

12. Labor Management Healthcare Plan status- proposal to change effective January 1

ACTION: **OTHER**- **Administrator Reichert** reported that all bargaining units have agreed on the plan, but the CSEA will not sign the required Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) until their contract is settled. At this time, it is doubtful that an agreement will be reached before November 1, which makes a 1/1/2011 start-up date unlikely.

Trustee Shea moved to adjourn the work-session at 8:58pm. Seconded by **Trustee Weberg** and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly D. Reichert
Village Administrator