

**VILLAGE OF EAST AURORA  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 7, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Mayor David J. DiPietro  
Trustees: Ernie Scheer, Libby Weberg,  
Patrick McDonnell, Victor Marrale    **ABSENT:** Trustees: Kevin Biggs, Peter Mercurio  
Matthew Hoeh, Superintendent of Public Works  
Ronald Krowka, Police Chief  
William Kramer, Building Inspector  
Media: EA Advertiser, Buffalo News, EA Bee  
22 Members of the public

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by **Mayor DiPietro**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor DiPietro and Trustees McDonnell, Scheer and Marrale announced their intentions to seek re-election to their respective offices in the upcoming March 18, 2008 election.

Mayor DiPietro went on to say that he has had many favorable responses to his proposal whereby the proposed Aurora Ice Rink would be re-located to a site near the Aurora Shopping Center on Route 20A; a new fire hall be built on Riley, which was the site originally proposed for the Aurora Ice Rink and converting the current fire hall to senior housing. He played 18 taped messages left in his voicemail, of which 16 were in favor and 2 were opposed to his proposal. In total, he received 80 favorable and 8 unfavorable responses via e-mail, phone, mail, petition or walk in to village hall.

**Trustee McDonnell** moved to approve the Village Board minutes of December 10<sup>th</sup> & December 17, 2007. Seconded by **Trustee Weberg**. **Motion passed**, with all Trustees voting in favor.

**SPEAKERS & COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mary Rossi from Erie County Department of Environment and Planning gave a stormwater presentation on behalf of the WNY Stormwater Coalition. An effective stormwater management program is required by the federal government and must be fully implemented by January 8, 2008. (The village adopted local laws last month as part of its compliance process). Ms. Rossi cited MS4 requirements and the training that is being provided to municipal employees. [Erie County Department of Environment & Planning](#) also has additional information on its website.

Bob Warhus, Hamlin Ave – expressed his concerns regarding the Town of Aurora’s proposal to purchase the former South Side School on Gleed Avenue. He has spoken with members of the library board and they were unaware of this proposal as well. Mayor DiPietro stated that no one in the village administration was contacted to discuss this possible property purchase. As such, he would like to propose a joint meeting between the Town, Village and Library Board.

John Newton, Lapham Road – as a member of the Pedestrian Bicycle Board (PBB) and the committee that reviewed the RFQ's for the Quality Community Grant, he explained the manner and detail in which the proposals were reviewed and how the recommendation was arrived at.

Craig Thrasher, Fire Department – reported that the East Aurora Fire Department received a \$25,000 Homeland Security Grant from the federal government on behalf of Rep. Brian Higgins. He stated the funding will be used for a complete training system revision, purchasing a new smoke generator for the training center and a new roof trainer which will be used to help improve a fireman's rooftop firefighting experience.

#### **OFFICIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Trustee Scheer** indicated that he is in favor of having a joint meeting with the Town of Aurora and Library Board to discuss the Town's proposal to purchase the former South Side School.

**Trustee McDonnell** moved to authorize the Village Administrator to schedule a meeting between the Village of East Aurora, Town of Aurora, and Library Board for the purpose of discussing the grant (SMSI) status for a joint municipal building study and the Town's proposal to purchase the former South Side School. Seconded by **Trustee Marrale**. **Motion passed**, with all Trustees voting in favor.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

*Police Dept* – Chief Krowka reminded folks to lock their cars.

*DPW* – Superintendent Hoeh indicated that weather permitting, the DPW will be picking up leaves again.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Trustee Weberg** moved to select the firm of Clarke Patterson Lee to work with the village on the Inter-Modal Transportation Master Plan (Quality Community Grant) proposal. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Trustee Weberg asked the board why they are not in favor of Clark Patterson as recommended by the committee (majority). Trustee McDonnell stated that he is most comfortable with the work done by Clough Harbor in the past. Trustee Weberg replied that members of the selection committee on the Pedestrian Bicycle Board recommended Clark Patterson Lee because their proposal stood out as providing the most hands-on work with an accessible local project manager, the inclusion of additional data collection as necessary, and a clearly stated deliverable of a poster-size modal plan. The Clark Patterson proposal also presented a thorough understanding of the current and future transportation needs in the Village and Town instead of a more boiler plate summary.

**Trustee McDonnell** moved to select the firm of Clough Harbor to work with the village on the Inter-Modal Transportation Master Plan (Quality Community Grant) proposal. Seconded by **Trustee Marrale**. **Motion passed**, with **Trustee Weberg** voting Nay.

**Trustee McDonnell** moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Seconded by **Trustee Scheer** and passed with all Trustees voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kimberly D. LaMarche**  
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer