

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2019

The annual meeting of the Town of Aurora was held at the town hall on April 16, 2019. Notices of the meeting had been posted.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p. m. by Chairman Young.

The minutes from the 2018 meeting were approved after a **motion by Jeff Toll and a second by Andy Przybyl. (7 in favor and 0 opposed.) Motion carried.**

The 2018 financial report was given by Clerk Reinbold. Copies of the report had been distributed to all electors present. It was explained that the town had a total of \$86,075.81 available to the town in all accounts on December 31, 2017. Of this amount, \$11,400.00 is designated for Ambulance replacement, \$10,000 is designated for Firetruck replacement, \$15,000 is in our contingency, and \$49,675.81 was undesignated funds. Major expenditures for 2018 included \$120,408.69 for highway repairs and improvements and \$24,450 for the assessor maintenance and town reassessment. **C.J. Young made a motion to approve the financial report, Andy Przybyl made a second. (7 in favor and 0 opposed.) Motion carried.**

The road report was given by Chairman Young. In 2018, the major road projects were:

- Sunset Ln, Weir Ln, and Marie Ln were all ground and seal coated
- Culverts replaced on Sunset and Cumberland
- Shoulder work in Auroraville, on 34th and 32nd with some ditch work as well
- Spent \$6,000 along on roadside mowing

No action taken.

Discussion of salaries, the Chair and Treasurer are at \$5,000 and the Clerk is at \$10,000. The Supervisors are at \$2750. There was a recent wage survey of surrounding townships. C.J. Young was feeling his wage is too high and maybe it needs to be split and given to Supervisors. Andy Przybyl and Jeff Toll disagreed and felt his wage was where it needs to be because of the extra phone calls and connections he makes as a Chairman. Mileage rates will continue to be the amount recommended by the state, which is at \$0.44. Wages for emergency calls for town officials will be \$12 per hour. Mowing wage will be \$15 per hour and road patching will be \$13.50 per hour. Also the gas per mile is \$0.50. Gordy Przybyl has decided to keep mowing for the Town this year. Katie Reinbold wants to see the pay for election workers get raised, especially the chief inspectors. The chief inspectors should be paid more than the elections workers because they are the ones in charge on election day and need to have more knowledge to take care of any issues. Hopefully the raise for both will help bring new people in to work elections. Election workers will be moved to \$10.00 per hour and chief inspectors will get \$12.00 per hour. **A motion to approve wages was made by Jeff Toll and seconded by Andy Przybyl. Motion passed. (7 in favor and none opposed.)**

The tax levy was raised a few years ago by \$30,000. This year the tax levy increased .39% over last year based on growth. **A motion to approve was made by C.J. Young with a second by Andy Przybyl. Motion passed. (7 in favor and none opposed.)**

Town posting locations were discussed. Currently the clerk posts notices at Midway Gas, Olsen's Mill, and the Town Hall and on the Town website; www.townaurora.com. Also, the required newspaper notices are being put in the Berlin Journal. The past few elections, the Waushara Argus was added because the County started to do large ads to cover the entire county and everyone will split the cost. With that, if the Town posts in the Berlin Journal alone, the cost can be very high and we are starting to pay for more and more ads. The town tried to put out a survey on the website, but there wasn't a huge response. Katie Reinbold thinks we need to stick to one newspaper and if we have any issues we will revisit the matter. **A motion to approve the posting locations and to use the Waushara Argus as the primary newspaper was made by Katie Reinbold with a second by C.J. Young. Motion passed. (7 in favor and none opposed.)**

Beer, wine and liquor licenses were discussed. Liquor license is \$150, beer is \$100, wine is \$100, one day beer license is \$10 and cigarette is \$20. **A motion to approve was made by Katie Reinbold with a second by Andy Przybyl. Motion passed. (7 in favor and none opposed.)**

Chairman Young reported that we had 10 fire calls and 3 accident calls in 2018. Two homes were built in the township this year. We donated \$1000 to the Poy Sippi Library and \$1000 to the Berlin Library. The Poy Sippi Library is working to have new programs and recently were awarded the "Small Libraries Create Smart

Spaces” grant. We are still watching the ambulance situation and will deal with it as the changes start to come. No action taken.

The 2019 Annual meeting was set for the 3rd Tuesday in April. April 21, 2020, 6:00PM at the Town Hall. **C.J. Young made the motion to approve with a second from Andy Cara Ondra. Motion passed. (7 in favor and none opposed.)**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. **after a motion by Jeff Toll and a second by Cara Ondra. Motion passed. (7 in favor and none opposed.)**

Katie Reinbold,
Town of Aurora Clerk

LIST OF ATTENDEES

C. J. Young
Andy Przybyl (via phone)
Jeff Toll
Cara Ondra
Katie Reinbold
Allison McCormick
Steve Huff