

TOWN OF AURORA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday May 10, 2018

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on May 10, 2018 at 8:02 p.m. following the Board of Review. Officers present were Chairman C.J. Young, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Treasurer Cara Ondra, and Clerk Katie Reinbold.

The meeting agenda was accepted after a motion by Andy, second by Jeff. Motion carried. The minutes of the April 17 Regular Board Meeting and April 29 Road Inspection were approved after a motion by Jeff and a second by Andy. Motion carried.

Dennis Plantz, who is running for Waushara County Sheriff, spoke to those in attendance. Spoke about the drug problem and how he will put that as top priority; he has the knowledge and experience for the position. Primary election is August 14.

Officers Reports:

- A) **The treasurer's report was approved after a motion by Jeff and a second by Andy. Motion carried.**
- B) Clerk: The website is live www.townaurora.com . A website that might be helpful to establishments that sell tobacco is: www.witobaccocheck.org it is free to use.

Business:

- A) Willow status: Monday, board members on an individual basis, met with Dennis and learned about what his plans are and what hardships he is encountering. Dennis was present at the meeting and stated: Oct. 30 the Willow burned, insurance did not get completed until February 2018, the artesian well filled the basement and then it froze, he does have investors and contractors and will move forward once they can get in the basement. He has to stay in the foot print of the current building. Jeff has looked into the background of the investor and he seems legitimate. Dennis is opening a graphics art business in Berlin and his investor, Pete, will be running the bar. Greg Retzlaff stated that as of 3:30 pm today, zoning has not received any information about the remodel and Greg would like to know why. Dennis has been keeping in touch with C.J. through Facebook to let him know of status. C.J. also contacted zoning and there is no updates there. The board cannot legally just deny his liquor license because they want to. There are formalities behind it and we have to have good reason. Dennis will get the outside cleaned up per request. The board will keep an eye on the situation.
- B) ETZA discussion: 25 years ago, Town of Aurora entered into a contract with City of Berlin to form the ETZA (Extraterritorial Zoning Administration). The city had 3 sections in the township for zoning. Our latest cost was \$3,000 for a sign ordinance then C.J. received a letter stating the ETZA was going to be eliminated by the City of Berlin. As of November 1, the areas that were in the ETZA will go back to Waushara County for zoning. According to the City Attorney, the city won't come back to the negotiating table. The city will not listen to either Town of Aurora or Town of Berlin. The city feels it costs too much money to keep it going and that there is no benefit. The city has yet to provide us with a cost breakdown as to why they think it is too costly to keep going. What we lose if we don't have the ETZA is communication among the communities and discrimination of annexation. But property has to be physically attached to be able to be annexed. Waushara County is making it sound like the transition back into County zoning will be simple. We have been splitting costs and city is claiming we aren't willing to split costs. Sounds as if no one was informed of what was going on but we also cannot do a whole lot to stop it per Town of Berlin's attorney.
- C) Discuss Ambulance Service: CHN took over ambulance service when they bought the hospital and we would pay part of the bill. They don't want to eat the money so they are paying \$150,000 and the rest of the bill is getting divvied up among all areas that use the ambulance service. It is a large area so we shouldn't see too big of a bill. The City of Berlin wants us to pass an ordinance to show

support for a feasibility study for Green Lake County to cover ambulance service. We could still contract with Green Lake County even though we are using Waushara County as well. The feeling is if we contract with Green Lake County we are receiving faster service out of Berlin. The board will keep an eye on the situation and figure out what the cost will be and what will be better for the township. Jerry Luttrupp stated that we should research what our mill rate is and what we are paying for service and what we're not using. At one time the town ship was split for service, but the City of Berlin and Waushara County weren't getting along so we quit using the County. Dennis Plantz stated that public safety comes first. There was an issue where Berlin wouldn't come to Town of Warren because of the issues and it was frustrating as being first on the scene and needing an ambulance. We should keep our communication open with Jodi Olson to get information passed on.

- D) Road report and any decisions: Annual Road Inspection was completed on April 29. Weir Dr. and Sunset Road in rough shape and had started some work last fall. To grind, double seal and fix culverts in that area will be about \$50,000. Cottonville Ct. needs the muskrat issue fixed as well as a chip seal near Hwy 21 will be about \$37,000. Culverts on Chicago Road need to be watched. Stonehedge needs the end cut off and black top where it is worn. Roadside mowing also needs to be done this summer and make sure we have the money in case a culvert does fail. Andy is working on a 10 year road plan to prioritize what we need to have completed and everyone knows the plan. Jerry Luttrupp would like to see a complete mow back done throughout the entire town. Town of Rushford needs to take care of their section of 37th, but they believe it belongs to us. Work needs to be done on the south side of the town. Will get quote from county on cost of blacktop and then decide where to do the work. There are pot holes that need filling. C.J. will start conversations with the county on what to do on Weir Dr. and Sunset. **Andy made the motion to have the county do a complete mow back in the town. Jeff made a second. The motion carried. Andy made a motion to fix the muskrat problem with a second made by Jeff. The motion carried.**
- E) Changing Town Hall locks: Katie talked about it may be beneficial to update the locks on the Town Hall especially because they have never been replaced. One incident where the rental key traveled to a different city on accident but Katie did receive it back. Doing something would help weed out any duplicates we aren't aware of if there are any. Keypad locks were mentioned as a possible solution. Each board member would have their own code (key backup) and then rentals would get a temporary code instead of picking up a key. **Andy made a motion to get prices on key pad locks with a second from Jeff. Motion carried.**
- F) P.O. Box for town mail: Katie expressed interest in having a P.O. Box for the town in order to simplify the mail process. Cara was also interested as it would be more secure for tax time. The largest box the post office has cost \$144 with a \$6 key deposit fee. The town probably doesn't need the largest one. The post office will hold any large packages. **Andy made the motion to leave the decision up to Katie and Cara. They need to discuss it and if they would still like to get on to move forward with the process. Jeff made a second. Motion carried.**

A motion to approve vouchers was made by Jeff, a second was made by Andy and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. after a motion by Jeff and a second by Andy. Motion carried

Katie Reinbold, Town of Aurora Clerk