

**TOWN OF AURORA**  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, January 11, 2024

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 7:01 p.m. Officers present were Chairman CJ Young, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Three residents also attended the meeting. Attendees recited “The Pledge of Allegiance.”

The clerk posted the meeting Agenda on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website ([www.townaurora.com](http://www.townaurora.com)), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the agenda and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the Minutes from both the December 7<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting and the budget public hearing, and enter them into the official record. Motion carried.**

**Officers’ Reports:**

**A) Treasurer’s Report:**

The checking account beginning balance for **December 2023** was \$95,240.93.

Deposits: \$490,023.95, including \$16.24 in earned interest

Payments: \$7,718.52, with one outstanding check totaling \$2,500.00

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$575,046.36.

YTD Receipts: \$1,534,779.98

YTD Disbursements: \$1,663,072.83

**A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the Treasurer’s reports. Motion carried.**

**B) Clerk:**

- Receipts and distribution for fiscal yearend 2023 were presented.
- An audit of 2023 QuickBooks was performed against the 2023 bank statements. Zero discrepancies were found.
- December unemployment claims, and 2023 yearend unemployment payments and contributions were presented.
- A CD for the firetruck replacement fund for 2024 has been secured for 11 months at 5.0% interest, maturing on 10/20/2024. The CD was opened with a balance of \$86,726.85 which included the balance of the 2023 CD and \$12,000 transferred from the checking account.
- Update on 2024 Elections:
  - No Spring Primary in February for Town of Aurora.
  - Clerk and Chief Election Inspector Tom Mosling have completed, and reported to WEC, their minimum 6-hour required training for the 2024-2025 election cycle.
  - Clerk will be conducting Election Inspector training in February to prep election workers for the new 2-year cycle prior to the Spring Election in April. Two new people have been recruited to be election workers. Once they have received training, they will be presented to the board at the March board meeting for appointment to election duty before they are able to work at April’s Spring Election.
  - New absentee ballot envelopes have been received from the county which supersede the old envelopes which can no longer be used.
  - WEC rolled out new education platform which includes reporting and tracking education hours for clerks, chief inspectors, and now also all election workers, as well.
- A summary of newly enacted WI Act 73 was presented. It requires changes to be made in the town’s alcohol and tobacco licensing procedures.
  - A new state government agency, Division of Alcohol Beverages, has been created along with two new bureaus under it.
  - New licenses created: “Full-Service Retail Sales” and “No Sale Event Venue Permit.”
  - A new Statewide Operator’s Permit (qualifies a specific use and will not replace the existing municipal Operator’s Permit)

- A new requirement for the municipality to provide SafeRide Program Information with alcohol licenses issued. Ann should contact Tavern League to obtain information.
  - Prohibits all sales, ownership, possession, and use of alcohol vaporizers in the state.
  - Expecting new legislation for the control of tobacco vaping (e-cigarettes) to be added within the tobacco retail licensing framework by Senate Bill 268, which has passed both assembly and senate and is now on the governor's desk for signature.
  - Thrust of state-sponsored education is the creation of municipal regulation via ordinance/s to support the new legislation, with emphasis on public health and safety, and offers suggestions for license criteria.
- WMCA member application approved for clerk \$50 annual fee.
  - Action Appraisers Assessment of buildings on leased land. Ann to call Action Appraisers for an explanation.
  - Town hall's stolen snow shovel has been replaced.
  - Undamaged 37<sup>th</sup> & Cumberland Ave road sign brought to town hall. It was removed and left in the ditch.

**C) Board**

- CJ: Allison McCormick, former Town of Aurora treasurer, is currently running for County Supervisor.

**Business:**

1. Completed signing of the Township farm land contract. The contract was approved by the board at last month's January board meeting, and payment was received at that time.
2. Discussion of a temporary Class B liquor license received from Borth Trail Twisters Snowmobile & ATV Club for their annual Poker Run & Fisheree, scheduled for 1/27/2024 at Otto Brey Park. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve and issue the temporary Class B liquor license upon receipt of the \$10 fee. Motion carried.**
3. Road report: Discussion of highway projects to undertake and complete with the 2024 highway budget. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to complete the second phase of the multi-year road sign replacement project this year and use \$10,000 to replace all road signs east of Highway 49. Motion carried.**
4. Discussion of our new snow plowing services and comments received from residents after our first significant snowfall of the winter season. Devin reported that another company had run their orange plow down Waushara Rd and had hit some mailboxes. This was not him or his employees, and he personally spoke with those homeowners affected, but neither the homeowners nor himself could identify who was operating the plow or to whom the plow was registered. Devin also reported that his salter was broken and wasn't feeding salt, so he had to hand salt roadways for this last snowstorm. A new salter had been ordered and is ready for pickup with a full payment. With a second snowstorm due to hit on Friday, January 12 through Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, Andy requested Devin to plow Friday mid-afternoon and again Saturday morning, and spread salt/brine on Cumberland Ave on Friday while the temperature is still warmer to clear the roadway before the expected temperature drop after which it will become too cold for the salt to melt ice and snow. Review of this strategy at the February meeting.
5. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the scheduled payments. Motion carried.** Checks were signed by CJ and Missy.

**As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.**

Ann Mosling, Clerk