

TOWN OF AURORA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 10, 2024

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Officers present were Supervisor Jeff Toll, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Many residents were in attendance.

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendees recited "The Pledge of Allegiance."

The clerk posted the meeting Agenda on Monday, April 8th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (www.townaurora.com), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil.

CJ ascertained that most of the residents in attendance wanted to discuss Business item 8.2, and suggested moving it to the first item of discussion under the "Business" section. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to change the order of "Business" discussion accordingly and then approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the Minutes from the March 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting and enter them into the official record. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for **March 2024** was \$630,517.25.

Deposits: \$1,005.00, including \$915.00 in earned interest

Payments: \$446,302.69, with one outstanding check totaling \$30.16

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$185,189.40.

YTD Receipts: \$932,830.83

YTD Disbursements: \$1,322,687.79

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

B) Clerk:

- Snow removal April 2-3: Devin came to hall parking lot on Monday Apr 1st but there wasn't snow to plow yet. He did not plow the town hall parking lot at all on Election Day, Tuesday, April 2nd as was requested, nor did he plow the town roads anytime on Tuesday when there was deep, wet snow and considerable drifting. Plowing was done Wednesday morning, April 3rd. The plowing contract officially ended in March, so April snow storm was not covered. However, we have not yet received a bill from Devin yet.
- WI Towns Assoc 2024-2035 dues \$1,1069.45 up from 2023 \$955.55
- Town hall fire extinguishers inspected, serviced, certified on 3/21/2024
- Upcoming events:
 - Open Book (over the phone) April 18th 9-11am
 - Annual Road Inspection April 21st starting at 7:30am
 - Aurora Board of Review May 9th 5-7pm

C) Board

- Jeff: A resident reported a problem with woodchucks. The board will take a look at the property during the annual road inspection.

Business:

1. Water overflowing Riverdale Dr from the ditch at the corner of Riverdale Dr and E. Waushara St: Before discussion began concerning drainage issues on Riverdale Dr, CJ made a statement to the residents that the property owner has a right to change his property and was attempting to correct his own property drainage issues. The property is not greater than one acre, and therefore, a permit was not required. The town could

not control this situation as the township does not issue permits and does not control zoning – both are under the jurisdiction of the county. Although the level of that property has been altered, there are already two existing culverts on E. Waushara St because there is so much water running downhill in that area to drain in the river. CJ promised the town would remedy the Riverdale Dr drainage issues. CJ stated that he has already spoken with the county zoning dept, and offered a possible solution for consideration: use drainage tile and proper landscaping to drain excess water to the channel. First, an easement will be needed for the town to work on private property. Second, a smooth-bore, plastic culvert approximately 150' in length with a minimum 14" diameter would be tunneled under Tina's driveway to take the water from the ditch at the corner of the Riverdale and E. Waushara St to the rocks at the west corner of Tina's property and to the channel. The county estimates they can begin work in the June timeframe. CJ stated that because the culvert will be in the road right-of-way, the town will pay for the work. All residents in attendance agreed with CJ's suggestion as a solution. No one disagreed, and no other possible solutions were proposed. **Andy made a motion, seconded by Jeff, to contract the county to execute the installation of a culvert in the June time-frame (or as their schedule allows) to improve drainage and alleviate water issues on Riverdale Dr, to be funded by the Town of Aurora. All in attendance voted Aye. Motion carried.**

2. Resumed discussion from March: Allen Chikowski/36th wants to build an addition to an existing shed, which is actually located in the road right-of-way. The County Zoning dept has referred this matter to the Town of Aurora. The board's goal will be to try to do something that will prevent a requirement for the shed to be removed while simultaneously allowing an addition to be built onto the shed. The town must continue to maintain and plow the road, and allow traffic (including school buses) to turn around at the end of the road. CJ has offered a possible suggestion to cut the road off and get a 60' easement. A survey has already been done. Lawyer Nate Olson has been contacted and has quoted \$250 per hour for his services to draw up an easement. **A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to shorten the road to the edge of the property and hire Nate Olson/Olson Legal Group at \$250 per/hr to draw up a 60' easement to enable snow removal and traffic to turn around at the end of the road. Motion carried.**
3. Discussion of drainage issues on Sunset Lane. **Andy made a motion, seconded by Jeff, to dig a ditch and install a culvert along the road right-of-way on Sunset Lane to the property line. Motion carried.**
4. Doug Lane, W135 Cumberland Ave, reported some dead trees on his property very close to the road with a concern the trees could interfere with power lines if they should fall. The board will view the problem during the annual road inspection scheduled for April 21st. This issue is tabled until next month's board meeting.
5. A Notice of Assessment received from Action Appraisers identifies that the cell tower located on town hall property is being removed from Personal Property (which the state eliminated effective January 1, 2024) and has been assessed with a real estate value of \$33,000 for 2024. Melissa stated that government property is exempt from real estate tax, so the town does not receive a tax bill for that property. No action taken.
6. Board of Review members will be the same as last year: Members will be CJ, Jeff and Andy. Alternate members will be Missy and Ann.
7. Assessment of the town hall's east side parking lot concluded that water pooling on the blacktop is most likely caused by excess water running downhill in a south-to-north pattern across the parking and pooling at the grassy berm at the edge of the blacktop. Standing water is likely the reason that there are worsening sinking spots in the blacktop. Suggested solution: 1) Check to see if the drain line under the parking lot is blocked. 2) Landscape edge of the grass to improve water drainage from the parking lot.
8. Continued problem with mice getting into the building in the utility room and attic space. Jeff reported that fascia on the outside of the town hall appears to have holes where mice have gotten under the siding to gain access to the building. **Andy will contact John Chamberlain for a quote to inspect and replace fascia as needed.**
9. No road report will be given until after the annual road inspection is conducted on April 21st and a list of projects is developed and prioritized. No action taken.
10. Melissa noted that the board members are to be paid their yearly salary at the conclusion of the year. The Annual Meeting marks the beginning of the new year, so paychecks should be issued at the April monthly

board meeting. ***Ann will need to create 2023 employee paychecks for signature at the upcoming May monthly board meeting, and schedule 2024 paychecks for April 2025.***

11. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the scheduled payments. Motion carried.**
Checks were signed by CJ and Melissa.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Ann Mosling, Clerk