

TOWN OF AURORA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 12, 2024

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Officers present were Chairman CJ Young, Supervisor I Jeff Toll, Supervisor II Andy Przybyl, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Residents Devin Petit and Larry Smith were also in attendance.

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, and attendees recited "The Pledge of Allegiance."

The clerk verified that the meeting Agenda was posted on Tuesday, September 10th 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. **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 Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the Minutes from the August 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting enter them into the official record. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

A) **Treasurer's Report:** n/a

B) Clerk:

- Receipts: We received the 2023 Tax Final Tax settlement from the County in the amount of \$49,455.00. It is \$4,772.20 more than we budgeted. I can see that additional deposits have been made, but these will not be included in our monthly reporting until we receive the September receipts from Missy. The extra tax settlement funds further decreases our budgeted income shortfall to -\$68,373.92.
- Disbursements: Even though I failed to budget for a Fall Primary Election and we paid \$729.00 to our Election Inspectors, Sept expenses are still down \$2,140.90 from the monthly budget. Most of the difference came from the Hwy budget, where we spent \$2,756.33 less than budgeted. QuickBooks/Tech spending is also down \$95.00 and Insurance is down \$15, but I expect those missing expenses will simply hit the books in the upcoming month. We received bills from the County for replacing street signs for \$4,682.57, and Drainage work in July for \$4569.13. Monthly Hwy expenses totaled \$39,919.00 for a remaining YTD operating balance of \$113,731.73. Total YTD expenses are under budget by -\$207,095.01.

C) Board

Business:

1. Discuss with possible decision: Continue collection of dog licenses at town level for 1st half of tax collections or pass this responsibility to the County Clerk in the new Ascent software for 2024 tax collections payable in 2025. **A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to table this issue until Missy is available. Motion carried.**
2. A resident has requested a speed limit/slow-children present sign on E. Waushara St. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to purchase two signs and install them, one for east-bound traffic and one for west-bound traffic, on E. Waushara St. CJ will contact the County. Motion carried.**
3. Ann presented text for an advertisement to request bids for snow plowing and sanding services for the 2024-2025 winter season. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to place September newspaper ads to request and receive snow plowing/sanding bids through October 9th, and to review all submitted proposals at the next board meeting scheduled on Thursday, October 10th. Ann will place the ads. Motion carried.**
4. Upcoming maturity on CD for firetruck fund is 10/20/2024. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by CJ, to seek a CD for the next year, using the balance of this year's CD of \$89,125.96 and adding \$12,000, which is the budgeted 2024 contribution to the firetruck fund, to open the CD. Ann will email Missy to request that she handle this issue. Motion carried.**
5. A quote of \$7,500 was received from Niser to remove 15-17 trees, and all brush in the road right-of-way and close to power lines, on the property of Doug Lane/W135 Cumberland Ave. **A motion**

was made by CJ, and seconded by Jeff, to accept the quote, and to temporarily close the road to traffic while work is being done. Andy will speak with the homeowner about wood removal. Motion carried.

6. A discussion was held about whether to create a new tax parcel for the town hall cell tower. The county has reclassified the cell tower as taxable real estate, with an estimated tax rate of \$33,000, now that State has eliminated personal property tax. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to do nothing until the existing contract on the cell tower expires, at which time the newly applied real estate tax can be utilized in negotiation for a new contract. Motion carried.**
7. Road report and any necessary decisions pertaining to maintenance and improvement. Need to fill pot holes. CJ will ask Pete begin a 2nd roadside mowing next week.

Current projects:

- a. 36th Ct/Allen Chikowski - Working with Nate Olson/Olson Legal Group to draw up an easement for a 33' right-of-way; project stalled; table this project until next month
- b. Riverdale/Sunset Lane water drainage – county redid after storm washout
- c. Chicago Rd – overlay/seal completed
- d. Cumberland Dr/32nd Ave/Cypress Ave - *pave 2" hot mix asphalt*. Completed.
- e. Town hall east parking lot drainage – Allie removed wedge of grass berm at edge of parking lot to allow drainage. Completed until parking lot can be resurfaced next year.

Future projects:

- 32nd Dr (road to Walmart): collapsing culvert, ditching, need quote on overlay
 - Blacktop town hall parking lot and make curbs/sidewalk
 - Next year's seal coating projects / crack fill before seal coating if we have the money:
 - E. Waushara – from Retzlaff's to top of the hill, approximately 1 mile
 - Side streets off of E. Waushara
 - 32nd Dr ditching (road to Walmart): *need quote on overlay*
 - 32nd Dr Culvert (by His & Hers garage): *culvert is collapsing*
 - 37th
8. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the scheduled payments. Motion carried.** Checks were signed by CJ and Andy.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Ann Mosling, Clerk