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

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 6:52pm. Officers present were Chairman CJ Young, Supervisor I Jeff Toll, Supervisor II Andy Przybyl, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Treasurer Melissa Zamzow arrived shortly after the meeting started. Two representatives from Waushara County Emergency Services and resident Tom Mosling were also in attendance.

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 6:52pm, and attendees recited "The Pledge of Allegiance."

The Clerk verified that the meeting Agenda was posted on Tuesday, Dec 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 Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to move the treasurer's financial report to the end of the agenda, approve the agenda accordingly, and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.

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

Officers' Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for **November 2024** was \$187,153.16. Deposits: \$53,270.78, including \$21.41 in earned interest Payments: \$86,065.62, with five outstanding checks totaling \$1,925.00 The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$152,433.32. YTD Disbursements: \$1,548,532.36

YTD Receipts: \$1,125,949.33

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

B) Clerk:

- Receipts: We received \$52,785.69 in shared revenue from the State in November. We are currently on track to close 2024 with a budget surplus. YTD receipts through November total \$1,613,821.03. December receipts will not yet be finalized until next month.
- Disbursements: The 2024 budget mistakenly carries a value of \$31,500 for Ambulance services, which is one reason why we are currently -\$71,228.13 under budget. This is extra money in the budget that will carried into 2025. YTD thru November expenses total \$1,548,532.36
- Status of tax bills: The county had to reprint the tax bills due to an error caused by the clerk using an incorrect figure for the Town of Aurora Levy. Reprinted tax bills were picked up on Friday, Dec 7th. The inserts (TofA Newsletters and tax letters) are ready from the printer today. The treasurer will prepare the mailing this weekend, and tax bills will be mailed on Monday, Dec 16th.
- A worsening pothole on Cypress Drive near intersection with County X was reported by Carissa Boeck. Discussion: Its cold to fix right now. The county will need to fix w/ hot box but it's too expensive to have it done for one pothole. Andy will check it out, and fill it with gravel if necessary. There are other potholes also popping up with this cold snap in the weather. These will have to be monitored and also filled with gravel until the county is able to properly fix them.

C) Board

Business:

1. Waushara County EMS representatives came to discuss their EMS services available to Aurora. A new emergency station is located and operational in Poy Sippi, and other locations include Hancock, Wild Rose and Wautoma. All locations provide full-time critical-care services, staffed with advanced EMTs and paramedics, and a vehicle at each location. All EMS resources are shifted whenever the Poy Sippi ambulance is out on duty. The majority of Aurora can be reached from the Poy Sippi station within 15 minutes. Aurora is already paying approximately \$60,000 for EMS services through the county levy we are charged. CJ requested that the county conduct a test and

provide results for a test route from the Poy Sippi station to 36th Rd, south of the Fox River to determine response time, as that is likely the farthest location away from the station.

- 2. 2025 Town of Aurora Board Caucus: The terms of the town board positions are expiring soon. The Caucus is the method used by the town for nominating town board candidates to be placed on the Spring Election ballot. The Caucus is open to the public, but only qualified electors of the Town of Aurora may nominate and vote for candidates. An Aurora resident is not required to be a registered voter in order to participate in the Caucus.
 - Each of the town board members have publicly stated their intention to run for re-election.
 - The Aurora Caucus is scheduled for January 9, 2025 at 6:30pm. The regular monthly board meeting will directly follow the Caucus (approximately 7pm).
- 3. 2025 BOR training: Jeff or CJ will need to take training this year (2023 Ann; 2024 Andy & Missy). Ann will need to check if our existing 2022 training video is still compliant with state regulation, and purchase updated training material, if necessary.
- 4. Road report and any necessary decisions pertaining to maintenance and improvement. <u>Current projects</u>:
 - a. 36th Ct/Allen Chikowski CJ: meeting with County Zoning on Wed, Dec 18th
 - b. Pothole Cypress Dr near X intersection: Andy will check and fill in w/ gravel if needed until it can be fixed

Future projects:

- Blacktop town hall parking lot and make curbs/sidewalk (requirement for WEC election audit report)
- Replace street signs south of Hwy 21/west of 49
- 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 (road to Walmart): ditching, need quote on overlay, roadway sagging at culvert (culvert itself verified OK)

5. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the scheduled payments. Motion carried.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Ann Mosling, Clerk