

TOWN OF AURORA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 9, 2025

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Officers present were Chairman CJ Young, Supervisor I Jeff Toll, Supervisor II Andy Przybyl, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Resident Tom Mosling was also in attendance.

Chairman Young called the meeting to order, and attendees recited “The Pledge of Allegiance.”

The Clerk verified that the meeting Agenda was posted on Tuesday, January 7th 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, 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 the December 12, 2024 Regular Board meeting, budget meeting, and town elector’s meeting, and enter them into the official record. Motion carried.

Officers’ Reports:

A) Treasurer’s Report:

The checking account beginning balance for **December 2024** was \$154,358.32.

Deposits: \$551,623.31, including \$24.43 in earned interest

Payments: \$12,175.43, with five outstanding checks totaling \$1,144.98

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$692,661.22.

YTD Receipts: \$1,677,542.63

YTD Disbursements: \$1,559,927.77

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

B) Clerk:

- Receipts: There is nothing surprising in either Receipts or Disbursements for December. We ended 2024 with an income surplus of \$556,000.35, the majority of which is paid out in the January Settlement 2024 Tax Roll to Waushara County and each of the four school districts:

Waushara County \$160,379.68

Berlin Area School District \$189,372.59

Omro School District \$173.66

Moraine Park Technical College \$16,823.52

Fox Valley Technical College \$14.68

The January Settlement, which is included in distributions this month, totals \$366,764.13.

The next tax settlements occur in February and August.

- Disbursements: Actual Highway expenditures were lower in December than budgeted, while costs for printing the tax letters and town newsletters increased by almost \$300 in 2024 from the previous year. Town hall expenditures were less than budgeted only because lawn mowing expenses occurred in November instead of December. We ended 2024 expenditures \$71,041.13 under budget.

Year End 2024 Receipts = \$1,677,542.63

Year End 2025 Disbursements = \$1,559,707.77 (This value changed from the Treasurer’s reported value due to a \$220 voided check.)

- 2024 Town of Aurora tax bill for the cell tower was \$546.49. This is a new, reclassified real estate tax that was previously classified as personal property tax in 2023 and for which tax was formerly paid by the cell tower carrier. The Board reaffirmed it’s previous decision not to divide the land beneath the cell tower into a separate parcel to enable the cell tower carrier to be billed for its real estate tax.

- No change in final value of 2025 General Transportation Aid received from WI DOT from previous year: annual \$75,595.10/per quarter \$18,898.775.
- COM2 Recycling Solutions offers electronic recycling services free of charge to the municipality and will host 1 day event free of cost. Ann will follow up to see if Aurora can use and implement this service. Hopefully a free collection will prevent electronic equipment from being dumped along roadways.
- Feedback on Waushara County Mission, Vision and Values: There is nothing about agriculture in the Vision. Ann will communicate this message to the county.
- Feedback on county's Outdoor Recreation Plan: Ann to respond and request that the county's parks dept take up maintenance on the county park located on State Rd 49 at the mouth of the Auroraville mill pond.
- Ann to post Farmland Preservation Program brochure on the website.

**C) Board
Business:**

1. Discussion about drive-time tests received from Waushara County EMS of routes from their Poy Sippi EMS station to various points within Aurora, but test results did not include the specific route CJ originally requested from the Poy Sippi station to the daycare on 36th Rd, south of the Fox River. CJ will contact county EMS services and request a time test of this route as that is likely the farthest location away from the Poy Sippi station.
2. **Andy made a motion, seconded by Jeff, to approve Ann to attend the 3rd year clerk training at the Clerks & Treasurer's Institute this summer. Cost is expected to be \$500. Motion carried.**
3. Ann has verified the 2022 BOR training video still meets the state's 2025 training requirements. Ann will setup training for CJ and Jeff to take the training class at 6pm before the next board meeting on Feb 13th.
4. Road report and any necessary decisions pertaining to maintenance and improvement.

Current projects:

- a. 36th Ct/Allen Chikowski – CJ: no status on meeting with County Zoning Wed, Dec 18th
- b. Pothole Cypress Dr near X intersection: Andy confirmed pothole was very large; Andy filled it with gravel as a temporary measure until it can be properly fixed but also made a suggestion to fill with lime.

Future projects:

- Blacktop town hall parking lot and make curbs/sidewalk: Because we have to respond to WEC election audit, CJ suggested we find a concrete contractor. Andy will contact contractor(s) about cost and availability.
 - 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 Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the scheduled payments. Motion carried.**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ann Mosling, Clerk