

TOWN OF AURORA
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, April 9, 2025

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Supervisor Andy Przybyl, with a declaration that officers present at the start of the meeting did establish quorum, and were identified as Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Chairman C.J. Young and Supervisor Jeff Toll arrived after the meeting started and were then present to the end. Resident Tom Mosling was also present.

Clerk Mosling verified the meeting Agenda was posted on Monday, April 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.

The minutes from the 2024 annual meeting were approved after a **motion by Melissa Zamzow and a second by Tom Mosling. Motion carried.** (4 in favor and none opposed.)

The 2024 financial report was given by Clerk Mosling. Copies of the report were distributed to all persons present. The Income for 2024 totaled \$1,677,542.63, while the Expenses totaled \$1,562,207.77, producing a Net income of \$115,334.86. It is of special note that the income will be offset by an unpaid 2024 Ambulance service bill, which is expected to be approximately \$34,000, resulting in an expected Net income of \$81,334.86. The town had a total of \$693,806.20 available funds in its bank account on December 31, 2024. Of this amount, \$549,908.88 is real estate tax that was collected to pay Aurora's tax levies in January 2025, and the rest is Miscellaneous: \$15,000 is the town's contingency, \$12,000 is the Firetruck reserve, \$924.88 in outstanding checks not yet processed, and \$34,000 for the unpaid estimated 2024 Ambulance bill, leaving a balance of \$81,972.44 in undesignated funds. Major expenditures during 2024 included \$1,288,413.77 paid in school and county taxes, \$141,943.21 for highway repairs and improvements, \$47,839.20 for fire protection, and \$12,000 was moved into the firetruck fund. **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Melissa Zamzow, to approve the 2024 financial report. Motion carried.** (4 in favor and 0 opposed.)

A detailed road report was provided by Chairman Young in the 2024 Newsletter. The 2024 highway budget was \$158,000, of which the town spent \$153,499.57 on road repairs and improvements (\$141,943.21 in 2024, plus an additional \$11,556.36 in outstanding checks paid in January 2025). Highway expenses include: 1) Snowplowing, sand and salt; 2) Replacement of street signs East of Hwy 49; 3) Drainage and culvert work on Riverdale and Sunset roads; 4) Blacktop ¼ mile on Chicago Rd; 5) Sealcoat parts of Cumberland Dr, Cypress Ave, and 36th Ave; 6) Roadside mowing; 7) Replace broken-off stops signs; 8) New roadside signs; and 9) Pothole patching. The remaining balance of \$4,500.43 of the 2024 budget will be used in 2025 to fund the replacement of the final portion of our 4-yr project to replace the town's faded road signs, which are street signs south of Hwy 21/West of Hwy 49.

Discussion of Wages:

1. **Board Member Wages:** The wages for the Chairman, Supervisor and Treasurer were last updated in 2022, and the Clerk's wage was last updated in 2020. Andy Przybyl suggested an approximate 5% inflationary wage increase in 2025. This increase is to reward the treasurer and clerk, both relatively new in their positions, for the excellence of their work, and to compensate the board members for labor performed within and on behalf of the town, such as cutting trees, trimming vegetation, filling potholes, repairing the tractor mower, etc., in lieu of charging the town a \$15 p/hr rate for this labor. **Ann Mosling made a motion, seconded by Melissa Zamzow, to increase the Chairman's and**

Treasurer's wages from \$6,000 to \$6,300 p/yr, increase the Supervisor's wage from \$3,000 to \$3,300 p/yr, and increase the Clerk's wage from \$12,000 to \$12,500 p/yr. Motion carried. (4 in favor and 0 opposed.)

2. Election Inspector Wages: The wages for Election Inspectors and Chief Election Inspectors were last updated in 2023, and will remain unchanged in 2025. **Andy Przybly made a motion, seconded by Ann Mosling, to keep the rates for Election Inspector at \$12/hr, and Chief Election Inspector at \$15/hr. Motion carried.** (4 in favor and 0 opposed.)
3. The wages for lawn mowing was last updated in 2023, and remains unchanged for 2025. Vanda Lemke will be taking over lawn mowing duties this year. **Andy Przybly made a motion, seconded by Ann Mosling, to keep the rate for mowing the town hall and cemetery properties at \$20 p/hr if using their own lawn mower, plus mileage to/from site, plus full reimbursement of expenses, or \$15 p/hr if using the town's lawn mower. Motion carried.** (4 in favor and 0 opposed.) A reminder was issued that expenses for mowing the town hall and the cemetery need to be reported separately.
4. Wages for Roadside Mowing remain unchanged for 2025. Pete Kallas will continue to do the roadside mowing. **Andy Przybly made a motion, seconded by Ann Mosling, to keep the rate for roadside mowing at \$12/hour, plus mileage for parts pickup. Motion carried.** (4 in favor and 0 opposed.)
5. The rate for roadside patching remains unchanged at \$13.50/hr; however, the county is currently doing this work for the town. No action taken.

Mileage Rate: Ann Mosling identified the 2025 Standard Mileage Rate for Business published by the IRS and effective 1/1/2025 is \$.70 per mile. **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Tom Mosling, to use the IRS's standard mileage rate of \$.70 p/mile. Motion passed.** (4 in favor and none opposed.)

Town Levy: A value for the town's 2025 tax levy is set by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, which may only be increased by net new construction. Aurora's tax levy of \$165,660 was established during the budget process in December of 2024. **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Ann Mosling, to approve the 2025 Town of Aurora Tax Levy of \$165,660 without adjustment. Motion passed.** (4 in favor and none opposed.) It is noted that a property revaluation assessment will be conducted in 2025 and will potentially affect property values and real estate taxes in 2026.

Town Posting Locations: The town posting locations and required newspaper publications remain unchanged in 2025. Currently the clerk posts notices in three locations: 1) on the town board located at Midway Gas & Oil, 2) on the Town Hall board, and 3) on the Town website. Also, any required newspaper notices are being published in the Waushara Argus and/or Berlin Journal. **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Melissa Zamzow, to keep the current posting locations and any necessary newspaper notifications the same in 2025. Motion passed.** (4 in favor and 0 opposed.)

Town Licenses: Current town license rates are as follows: Liquor License \$150 p/yr, Beer License \$100 p/yr, Wine \$100 p/yr, Temp Class B Liquor License \$10 p/day, Operator's License \$50 p/2-year term, Cigarette License \$20 p/yr, and the Liquor License Publication Fee is the actual cost of publication (estimation \$40). **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Jeff Toll, to keep all town licenses the same rate in 2025. Motion passed.** (6 in favor and 0 opposed.)

Town Hall Rental Fee: The current town hall rental fee for: 1) Residents \$100 includes a refundable \$50 security deposit; 2) Non-residents \$150 includes a refundable \$50 security deposit; 3) 4H Groups \$50 p/yr, no refundable security deposit. Discussion included examination of 2024 electricity consumption by month, cost of cleaning supplies, current rental rates, and general cleanliness of the facility after usage. The hall rental income should at minimum cover the cost to heat/cool the building for the days it is rented, as well as the cleaning expense associated for those days. The Rental Contract must state that the facility is to be left in

clean condition, requiring vacuuming of the floors and wiping the tables and chairs. **Andy Pryzbyl made a motion, seconded by Jeff Toll, to keep the town hall rental fees the same for 2025 for all three types of renters, and also to modify the 4H Rental Contract to require an appropriate standard of cleanliness, as well as to implement a \$50 cleaning fee per occurrence for stains left on tables, chairs, or carpeting. Motion passed.** (6 in favor and none opposed.)

Reports for Fire Protection service, Ambulance service and Zoning were not available. No action taken.

Library Donations: The current donation rate to area libraries is \$1,250 p/yr, last updated in 2024. Ann reported the town only donated \$1,000 each to the Berlin and PoySippi libraries in 2024 instead of \$1,250. **Andy Pryzbyl made a motion, seconded by Ann Mosling, to keep the library donation rate at \$1,250 in 2025. Also, the Board will examine its budget in November 2025 to determine whether it has available funds to add an additional \$250 to each of the 2025 library donations to make up the difference missing from 2024 donations, or whether it should simply make the requisite \$1,250 donation to each Berlin and PoySippi libraries in 2025. Motion passed.** (6 in favor and none opposed.)

The date for the 2026 Annual Meeting is set for Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Aurora Town Hall. This meeting will be directly followed by the April 2026 Regular monthly Board meeting, which is rescheduled from the usual 2nd Thursday of the month. **A motion was made by Andy Przybyl, and seconded by Ann Mosling. Motion passed.** (6 in favor and none opposed.)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Ann Mosling,
Town of Aurora Clerk