

TOWN OF AURORA
 MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 Thursday March 9, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Officers present were Chairman C.J. Young, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Resident Thomas Mosling and Guest Jenn Moen were also present.

The meeting Agenda was posted on Tuesday, March 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, to approve the agenda and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed minutes from the February 7th Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the Minutes and enter them into official record. Motion carried.**

Officers Reports:

A) Treasurer’s Report:

The checking account beginning balance for February 2023 was \$741,904.07.

Deposits: \$222,448.97, including \$86.87 in earned interest

Payments: \$830,647.49, and no outstanding checks.

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$133,705.55.

YTD Receipts: \$902,689.99

YTD Disbursements: \$1,472,225.96

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

B) Clerk:

1. The February Tax Settlement payments have been paid to Waushara County and the four school districts:

<u>School Districts</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>Total</u>
Berlin School District	\$303,372.52	\$473,715.05	\$777,087.57
Omro School District	\$185.01	\$288.88	\$473.89
<u>Technical Colleges</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>Total</u>
Moraine Park VTAE	\$16,054.97	\$25,069.78	\$41,124.75
Fox Valley VTAE	\$18.48	\$28.85	\$47.33
<u>Waushara County</u>	<u>\$202,853.75</u>	<u>\$317,008.61</u>	<u>\$519,862.36</u>
Grand Total Paid:			\$1,338,577.42
The Town of Aurora received:	\$43,610.22	\$68,097.19	\$111,707.41

2. Ann presented a spreadsheet of the Budget vs Actual numbers for the 1st Quarter of 2023. Expenditures were much greater than budgeted, due in part to increased taxes paid by the town and the 2022 ambulance service bill being paid in March this year rather than June of previous year. The 2022 ambulance service bill also increased at \$31,496.00 where 2021’s bill was \$21,000. The board wants to see the budget vs actual spreadsheet presented each month, and requested adding a year-to-date summary for next month’s meeting.

3. The Spring Primary election held on February 21st went well. The town’s election inspectors their usual great job. The Board of Canvassers certified that 132 votes were cast in the Town of Aurora with the following results:

Janet C. Protasiewicz	received 38 votes
Daniel Kelly	received 69 votes
Everett D. Mitchell	received 6 votes
Jennifer R. Dorow	received 19 votes

4. The board gave their approval for the clerk to hang a white board in the office, and a new bulletin board in the hallway of the town hall. We also have an extra flag that can be displayed, but the clerk should first verify the flag etiquette for proper mounting on a wall: flag should be vertical with the union stars on the top left.
5. Waushara County Zoning Dept sent a notice of decision and a copy of the approved and signed Conditional Use Permit requested by Olsen Farms. Paul Olsen intends to appeal the decision due to the restriction of hours of operation and driveway requirements. Andy updated the list of conditions requested by the town residents, and Paul will take this updated list to the Board of Appeals. Major changes are as follow:
 - Times changes from 7am-7pm to 6am-7pm
 - Date extended for harvest to December 15th
 - Drive max down to 50ft due to zoning and culvert lengths on county roadsThe updated list of conditions may be viewed below.
6. Fire Extinguisher inspection was performed on 3/9/2023.
7. Received an insurance settlement check of \$1,331.64 from the road damages claim filed last fall.
8. Quote received from Jason Johanknecht/Data Pro: 5 Norton Licenses for 50. \$160/year for IT Support. Or \$200/year for IT Support and Norton Utilities (5 devices). This may be bundled up to 3 years if paid \$600 up front.
9. We received a request from the Horton Group to quote our 2023 Insurance renewal. The board decided to grant this request. Ann will contact the Horton Group.

C) Board

Business:

1. Jenn Moen/Fortifi Bank presented updated paperwork for signature, and recorded proof of ID, for the board members to become authorized signers of the checking account.
2. Reviewed and discussed the ATV signage proposed by the Fox Wheelers ATV/UTV Club. There appear to be 4 signs that may not be needed, as the only entrance point to the town road is via a state highway, which are not open to ATV/UTVs. CJ will contact Dennis Yoder to discuss possible changes.
3. Updates to the town hall's rental agreement were not available at the meeting. This item is tabled until the next meeting.
4. There has been some unavoidable but significant snow plow damage to the shoulders of two roads. They will be repaired by the town board. It was noted that the town hall parking lot needs to be plowed whenever plowing is needed on town roads. Nothing else new to report on the town's road conditions.
5. **CJ, Andy, and Jeff approved scheduled payments.** CJ and Melissa signed checks.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Ann Mosling, Clerk

Conditional Use for Olsen Farms (Version 2)

The Town of Aurora is imposing these restrictions on the grain facility located at W2185 County Road Q.

- Hours of operation
 - Site will be limited to a 12 hour window of operation 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM. An additional 2 hours of operation will be permitted from Oct 15th through December 15th for harvest season.
 - No grinding will be permitted outside of the time frames specified above.
- Lights
 - All high grain facility lights should be pointed in and down to the property to minimize light pollution
 - All grain facility lights will be turned off during non-operational hours
 - Small, low elevation lights can remain on for security purposes
 - A sign must be placed by the scale, in view of the driver, instructing them to turn off trucks lights during loading and unloading of grain.
- Fencing
 - A natural barrier of pines, and or berm with trees will be planted along the north side of the property to aid in noise, debris, and light reduction
 - The barrier cannot obstruct operator's views leaving the facility nor entering County road Q or HWY 49.
- Entrance and on-site conditions
 - Expand driveway width to a minimum of 50 feet.
 - Max speed of 15mph on the premise to keep dust at a minimum
 - A sign is to be posted on the entrance of the facility.
- Future buildings
 - Only 1 additional 100k bushel bin (54X18) will be permitted to be built on the property per the plans of the original land use permit (#21 188 2021)
 - No additional structures, of any kind, are permitted to be built on the property without approval of the Aurora Town Board
 - No additional structures or light will be permitted to be constructed higher than the highest point currently on the site as of 1-13-23