

TOWN OF AURORA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 11, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, October 11, 2023, at 7:05 p.m. Officers present were Chairman CJ Young, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Residents Thomas Mosling, Devin Petit, and Dale Belter were also present.

The meeting Agenda was posted by the Clerk on Tuesday, October 9th 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 September 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the Minutes to be entered into the official record. Motion carried.**

Officers' Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for **September 2023** was \$70,598.22.

Deposits: \$44,772.12, including \$9.32 in earned interest

Payments: \$262.54, with no outstanding checks

The August 2023 statement ending balance was \$115,107.80.

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$115,107.80.

YTD Receipts: \$1,012,511.06

YTD Disbursements: \$1,600,643.78

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

B) Clerk:

- The WI DNR has issued a Special Fire Warning for all of Waushara County. An annual burning permit is now required in the county, and specifically in the Town of Aurora.
- General dues for WI Towns Association membership expected to increase approximately \$50 next year.
- Notice received from WI DOR that a town under population of 3,000 may exceed its allowable levy limit if the town completes a special resolution process. Undetermined as yet whether this will be needed for the 2024 budget.
- American Tower Corp is interested in Aurora's tower. Ann needs to check how long current contract is, and respond to their request for information.

C) Board:

- Jeff reported that the tractor dash needs repair. New part is \$1K. Rebuild approx. \$400-\$600. **A motion was made by CJ, and seconded by Andy, to send the existing part in for rebuild. Motion carried.**
- Reminder that reports for the 2023 Newsletter are needed in November from Chairman, Treasurer, and Clerk.

Business:

1. **After discussion, a motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve a new certified survey map (CSM) to break Parcel 002-02323-000, owned by Donald & Barbara Rosner of W580 Cumberland Ave, into three new parcels. Motion carried. CJ signed the proposed CSM.**
2. The board had a discussion of the 2023-2024 winter snow plowing/road sanding bids submitted by RTR Leasing, Inc (DBA Ripon Truck Repair Snowplowing), Retzlaff Motorsports LLC, Brothers Concrete Constuction LLC, and A&D Auto Service. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to accept the bid submitted by A&D Auto Service including the changes as discussed in the meeting and a re-write of the contract. Motion carried.** Ann will draft the contract and provide a Town of Aurora roadmap for A&D Auto Service.
3. **After discussion, a motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to accept the "Agreement for Maintenance Assessment Services" from Action Appraisers & Consultants, Inc for 2024 property assessment services. Motion carried.** CJ signed the contract.

4. The board discussed proposals from two website development companies, Munibit and ProudCity, to redesign the town's website. Ann would like to add new material the website, including Election information and emergency procedures information. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to allow the clerk to make the proposed website updates through the current website designer, Webs by Wagner. Motion carried.**
5. The Board discussed its CD, containing funds to purchase a firetruck, which will expire 11/20/2023. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to take out a new 1-year CD in November and transfer an additional \$12,000 from the bank account into it. Also, Missy should attempt to find a better interest rate for municipalities than the 1% rate the town is currently receiving. Motion carried.**
6. **After a discussion, a motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to make a \$1,000 donation to each of the Poy Sippi and Berlin libraries, as is budgeted in November 2023. Motion carried.**
7. The 2024 budget is currently being developed, and must be ready for the board to review at the November 9, 2023 board meeting. **A public hearing for electors to approve the 2024 Tax Levy is scheduled for December 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm.**
8. A question was raised to the board whether they will be accepting bids for 2024 lawn care. The town currently has an employee who mows the town hall yard and the town cemetery on Hwy 49.
9. Road report: The county is currently patching holes in the town roads prior to winter.
10. **A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the scheduled payments. Checks were signed by CJ and Missy.**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Ann Mosling, Clerk