

TOWN OF AURORA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 12, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, January 12, 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.

Tonight's meeting Agenda was posted on Tuesday, January 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.

Due to the large number of residents in attendance with their primary concern being the discussion of ATV routes, CJ suggested moving this issue to the top of the Business agenda. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to make this Agenda change and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.**

Minutes from the December 8, 2022, Regular Board Meeting were emailed to the Board and reviewed prior to the start of today's meeting. **A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the Minutes. Motion carried.**

Officers Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for December 2022 was \$266,074.78.

Deposits of \$569,284.29 were made, plus \$20.19 in earned interest.

Payments of \$131,957.74 were deducted, and two outstanding checks totaling \$186.19.

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$703,215.14.

2022 YearEnd Receipts: \$1,617,866.85

2022 YearEnd Disbursements: \$1,636,649.77

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

B) Clerk:

1. Status of CD: Balance \$73,984.23. Term 12M. Maturity 11/20/2023. Interest rate 1.0%. CJ requested that this item be added to the October 2023 agenda for the Board to address before the CD matures.
2. Damage occurred while town hall was rented Christmas Day: kitchen counter was detached from the wall, utility room doorknob was broken, garbage bags were stolen, hall generally not cleaned: tables/counter not wiped clean, permanent marker on tables, not vacuumed/swept. Due to increasing costs for heat/cooling and cleaning supplies, Ann requested that the Board examine whether to increase rental fee, or possibly implement a holiday premium to cover cleaning costs. CJ requested that a discussion of the rental fee be added to next month's agenda.
3. It was discovered that a gentleman from outside the Town of Aurora is using the town dump. The Board stated that the dump is operated by the county. No action needs to be taken.
4. WISPA Midwest Broadband Summit is scheduled in Brookfield, WI on January 27, 2023, for any persons interested in the availability of Internet access.
5. Waushara County is currently accepting proposals and development ideas from contractors, community members and groups until March 20, 2023, for the Courthouse and North Annex Properties when the county offices are vacated in 2024. Ruth Zouski, Corporate Counsel for

Waushara County, stated that the county does not currently have a set idea for the best use of the properties, and provided a link to the county's documents:

<https://wausharacountywi.municipalone.com/bids.aspx?categoryid=0&id=44900&cadid=635>

6. Upcoming 2023 Spring Elections: Primary February 21st General Election April 4th
One of the town's two Chief Election Inspectors, Connie Belter, has retired effective immediately. This leaves the town with only one Chief Inspector, responsible for running the town's elections, for the 2yr term ending December 31, 2023. Although a couple of residents have already expressed interest in becoming a poll worker, Ann will publish a request for interested persons, and schedule training classes for Election Inspectors and Chief Election Inspectors.

Business:

1. CJ opened a discussion of ATV routes in the town of Aurora. Several residents, ATV riders, and members of organizations spoke. 14 residents emailed their opinion supporting the establishment of ATV routes in Aurora; 4 emailed against. Jim Hansen submitted 48 written opinions he collected from residents to the board's review. CJ presented and read a proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance would designate the following roadways located within the territorial boundaries of the Town of Aurora as ATV/UTV routes, unless posted as closed: all township roads and transportation-marked corridors; all county roadways if authorized by Waushara County; bridges 1,000 feet or less on state and county highways; all roadways on state or county roads of 35 MPH or less. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the ordinance. Attendees ayed in favor. Motion carried.**
2. Citing a possible perception of a conflict of interest in any decision made about a conditional use permit for grain sites, CJ assigned Andy Przybyl to act as mediator for this issue and then temporarily stepped aside. Andy asked Paul Olsen to speak to his request for a grain site permit. Then Andy opened the floor to discussion. Residents cited the following issues: dusk to dawn lights; noise including mill grinding, dryers, and truck air brakes; dust affecting air quality, bee wings, roadway access to a mill, increased truck traffic on county roads, zoning for private use versus commercial use, unsightliness of a grain storage facility. Andy proposed that establishing a conditional use permit would be in the best interests of the community rather than doing nothing at all, and obtained agreement from the attending residents. Due to the lateness of hour, Andy called for the following:
 - a. Residents should submit a personal list of conditions to be considered for a conditional use permit no later than midnight on Sunday, January 15th by emailing the clerk at: townauroraclerk@gmail.com. This address may be found on town's website: www.townaurora.com
 - b. Using the residents' suggestions, Andy and Jeff will draft a formal set of conditions for a conditional use permit.
 - c. Schedule a follow-up meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 7 p.m., to present, discuss, and make decision on specific conditions to present to the county for a conditional use permit. Andy's intention is to provide a 24-hour notice to Paul Olsen before approaching the county.
 - d. Issued an open invitation to all residents to attend the follow-up meeting.
3. Reviewed a liquor license request from Dena Michels of the Borth Snowmobile & ATV Club for their upcoming Fisheree on 2/4/2023. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the request for a one-day Temporary Class B License for the sale of fermented malt beverages. Motion carried.**
4. An attending resident reported that the culvert (on Cumberland Ave??) failed and water is running over into roadway and into his field. CJ said that the town will split the repair cost with the resident. CJ will drive out and take a look.

5. CJ and Andy approved scheduled payments. CJ and Melissa signed checks.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Ann Mosling, Clerk