

# TOWN OF AURORA

Aurora Town Hall, W2319 State Highway 21, Berlin, WI 54923

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## The Town Budget

The 2025 budget has increased \$40,211 from 2024. It sounds like a lot, but very little of that money will be retained by the town as almost all of it will be paid out in levies - aka *taxes*. Aurora must pay taxes to Waushara County to fund government and the services we receive, and to each school district that the town lies within. These districts primarily include the Berlin schools and Moraine Park VTAE, but also include Omro schools and Fox Valley Technical College as there are a handful of parcels that lie within those school districts, as well.

Waushara County is our largest levy increase in terms of dollars, increasing \$41,812 (4.84%) from 2024. However, the largest percent increase occurred in the Omro School District levy due to the passing of it's two referendums, increasing \$232 (24.83%) from 2024. While the Berlin School District referendum failed to pass in November, the school district's levy has actually decreased slightly for a second year in a row due to declining student enrollment, decreasing \$17,366 (1.70%) from 2024.

A large and unusual 2025 expenditure is expected to be \$34,000 for a downpayment towards purchasing a new firetruck for the Berlin Fire Department. The board has been saving money for the last ten years specifically for this purpose. Other high dollar expenditures include highway maintenance, ambulance and fire services, assessor services, and snowplowing.

### 2025 Tax Levy Requests

Waushara County	\$863,174.16
Town of Aurora	\$165,660
Berlin Schools	\$1,019,215.95
Omro Schools	\$934.67
Moraine Park Tech	\$90,545.31
Fox Valley Tech	\$79.03
Total Levy	\$2,139,609.12

The total levy for properties in the Berlin School District breaks down as follows:

Berlin Schools	48%
Moraine Park Tech	4%
Waushara County	40%
Town of Aurora	8%

### Summary of 2025 Town of Aurora Budget

REVENUES	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	% Change
Taxes:General Levy	\$ 165,153	\$ 165,660	.31%
Other taxes	\$ 35	\$ 35	0.00%
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 91,287	\$ 143,299	36.30%
Licenses & permits	\$ 730	\$ 850	14.12%
Public charges for service	\$ 200	\$ 200	0.00%
Intergovernmental charges	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ 11,861	\$ 11,056	-7.28%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 269,266</b>	<b>\$ 321,100</b>	<b>16.14%</b>
Carryover applied	\$ 49,452	\$ 37,829	-30.72%
<b>Total Available Cash</b>	<b>\$ 318,718</b>	<b>\$ 358,929</b>	<b>11.20%</b>
EXPENDITURES	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	% Change
General government	\$ 65,785	\$ 85,680	23.22%
Public safety	\$ 65,552	\$ 71,107	7.81%
Public works	\$ 158,056	\$ 145,542	-8.60%
Health & human services	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,600	11.54%
Conservation & development	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ 25	\$ -	0.00%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 291,718</b>	<b>\$ 304,929</b>	<b>4.33%</b>
Reserve for Firetruck	\$ 12,000	\$ 34,000	64.71%
Reserve for Contingencies	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	0.00%
Reserve for Computers	\$ -	\$ 5,000	100.00%
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 27,000</b>	<b>\$ 54,000</b>	<b>50.00%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 318,718</b>	<b>\$ 358,929</b>	<b>11.20%</b>

## Town Officers

### Chairman

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### Clerk

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### Supervisor I

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### Treasurer

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### Supervisor II

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Regular board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Aurora Town Hall. Visit [townaurora.com](http://townaurora.com) for more information.

### Tax Payment Policy

The Town of Aurora Board implemented a tax payment policy, effective November 11, 2021, regarding the refund of tax overpayment: The town board reserves the right not to refund a tax overpayment of \$5 or less unless requested. To receive a refund, a written request must be received with a pre-stamped envelope at PO Box 256, Berlin WI 54923.

### Town Hall Rentals

Capacity: 50 people

The Town Hall is available to rent for your special event. It is a perfect fit for large family parties, wedding and baby showers, and small-to-medium size meetings. The hall features a nice kitchen and smart TV (*features HDMI(3) and USB(1) ports. No TV or Internet service. Cables not provided.*) Go to [townaurora.com](http://townaurora.com) for more information.

### Recycling Center Hours

Wednesday: 12pm - 4pm  
Saturday: 10am - 4pm

Located behind the Aurora Town Hall, at W2319 State Rd 21.

The site is available for all taxpayers and residents. It is paid for by your tax dollars.

## Elections *By Ann Mosling, Clerk*

2024 was an exciting year for elections, and we're all relieved the ads are over! November's Fall General & Presidential Election was highly anticipated, and Aurora residents turned out in great numbers to vote: 650 people out of approximately 800 eligible adult Aurora residents participated in voting. That is fantastic! I want to thank and congratulate our wonderful election workers for the smooth operation of Aurora's polling place, as well as all the towns people who patiently and cheerfully came to cast their vote. There are two upcoming 2025 elections scheduled in April and November, each with a potential for a preceding Primary Election. We already know there will be a Primary to the April Election, which will be held in February 2025, for which preparation has already begun. Of special interest locally is the April Spring Election which will include election of our town board positions: Chairman, Supervisor I, Supervisor II, Treasurer, and Clerk. Watch the town bulletin board notices and website for caucus information. If you are interested in becoming an election worker, please contact me as we need you! Please visit our website at [townaurora.com](http://townaurora.com) for more election information, or [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) for everything related to elections: voter registration, polling place location, what will be on your ballot, request an absentee ballot, etc. Please call me at 920-229-5586 if you have any questions or concerns.

## Chairman's Report *By CJ Young*

As 2024 comes to a close, I would like to keep you updated on upcoming expenditures that will affect you as taxpayers. First, the Berlin Fire Department is going to be replacing one of their trucks, a 30-yearold pumper fire engine. This type of truck is vital for fighting rural fires, and as such, is very important to our community. Each of the towns to which the Berlin Fire Department provides services are responsible for funding this truck. Aurora's portion amounts to 17.5% of the total cost of the truck, which is \$166,250.00. An initial down payment of approximately \$34,000 will be due in the spring of 2025, and the remaining balance will be due upon delivery of the truck in 2026. This expense has been anticipated and will not be a detriment to our budget. Second, the town has fallen out of compliance with the State of Wisconsin regarding the evaluation of property value. So, like a lot of townships and cities throughout Wisconsin, Aurora will be required to do a parcel revaluation. Due to the rise in purchase prices and inflation, property values have greatly increased over the last several years, so it is anticipated that your property value will greatly increase, possibly as much as double the current value. This does NOT mean your taxes will double as well, but you can expect that your taxes will increase.

## 2024 Road Report

In 2024 the town's road budget was \$158,000. Here is breakdown of how your money was spent: 1) \$24,000 for sand, salt and snow plowing. 2) \$10,700 to replace street signs East of Hwy 49. This has been a 4-year project to replace faded signs in the township. The final portion will be completed this coming year. 3) \$14,000 on drainage and culvert work on both Riverdale and Sunset roads. 4) \$50,000 to blacktop ¼ mile on Chicago Rd. 5) \$50,000 to sealcoat parts of Cumberland Dr, Cypress Ave and 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. Other expenditures included roadside mowing, broken off stops signs, new roadside signs, and pothole patching.

For the 2024-2025 winter season the town has contracted Ripon Truck to do the snow plowing and sanding. A friendly reminder: if the snow rolling off the plow happens to damage your mailbox, it is not the responsibility of the town or the operator to fix it. Only in the event the plow itself damages the mailbox will it become the operator's responsibility.