

TOWN OF AURORA

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

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The Town Budget

Aurora’s 2026 budget has increased \$171,999 from 2025, due in large part to the final payment of \$108,296 for a new firetruck expected to be delivered to the City of Berlin in mid-2026, and also paving the town hall parking lot, which will complete a 2-yr project to bring the town hall’s sidewalks and parking lots up to the state’s election and accessibility codes. Other high dollar expenditures include road maintenance, snowplowing, ambulance and fire services, and assessor services.

Dollars and Sense

All of the 2026 levy requests have increased over 2025, and the total levy is up \$95,936.21. Also the state has increased the total value of property in the town through updated equalized valuation. Below are listed the levy amounts and the percentages that make up your tax bill this year.

Berlin Schools	\$1,096,526.93	49.06%
Waushara Cty	879,024.19	39.33%
TofAurora	166,678.00	7.46%
MorainePark TC	92,249.01	4.13%
Omro Schools	983.92	0.01%
FoxValley TC	83.28	0.01%
Total Tax Levy	\$2,235,545.33	100.00%

Summary of 2026 Town of Aurora Budget

Revenues	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	% Change
Taxes:General Levy	\$ 165,660	\$ 166,678	.61%
Other taxes	\$ 35	\$ 35	0.00%
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 143,299	\$ 149,900	4.40%
Licenses & permits	\$ 850	\$ 585	-45.30%
Public charges for service	\$ 200	\$ 200	0.00%
Intergovernmental charges	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ 11,056	\$ 12,736	13.19%
Fund Xfer Firetruck Payment	\$ -	\$ 108,296	100.00%
TOTAL Revenues	\$ 321,100	\$ 438,430	26.76%
Carryover applied	\$ 37,829	\$ 92,499	59.10%
TOTAL Available Cash	\$ 318,718	\$ 530,928	32.40%
Expenditures	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	% Change
General government	\$ 85,680	\$ 65,967	-29.88%
Public safety	\$ 71,107	\$ 203,879	65.12%
Public works	\$ 145,542	\$ 199,458	27.03%
Health & human services	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,625	0.95%
Conservation & development	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL Expenditures	\$ 304,929	\$ 471,928	35.39%
Reserve for Firetruck	\$ 34,000	\$ 39,000	12.82%
Reserve for Contingencies	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	0.00%
Reserve for Computers	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	0.00%
TOTAL Reserves	\$ 54,000	\$ 59,000	8.47%
TOTAL Expenditures/Reserves	\$ 358,929	\$ 530,928	32.40%

Chairman’s Report *By CJ Young*

As 2025 comes to a close, I would like to keep you updated on things coming up for the town in the new year. First, a significant down payment was made on a new fire truck in 2025, and the remaining balance is currently sitting in a CD for us to finish our financial obligation towards this purchase when the fire truck is delivered to the City of Berlin in 2026. We will start a new fire truck fund in the 2027 budget for future purchases as the Berlin Fire Dept anticipates replacing another older fire truck in its fleet within the next 10 years. Second, probably the biggest thing we have going on this upcoming year, is the town will be looking into switching ambulance services from Berlin EMS to Waushara County EMS. If this is done, it will net a cost savings of over \$31,000. We will be discussing this in our January and February monthly meetings, for sure. Residents are welcome to attend our monthly board meetings every 2nd Thursday at 7pm at the Aurora town hall. Please use the town’s website townaurora.com to stay updated on upcoming agenda items.

Road Report *By CJ Young*

The town’s 2025 road budget was \$145,000: The town spent \$40,000 on sand, salt, and snow plowing. For the 2025-2026 winter season the town has contracted with Ripon Truck to do the snow plowing and sanding. Please be aware if your mailbox is damaged by the snow rolling off the plow it is your responsibility to fix, not the town’s. The town spent \$7,000 dollars on new street signs. This completes a four-year project to replace the faded signs in the township. The town spent \$14,000 on tree removal along Cumberland, \$35,000 was spent on ¼ mile of blacktop on 31st Ave, another \$15,000 was spent on overlaying blacktop where culverts have created unsafe bumps in the road, and \$12,000 was spent on road shoulder work along Cottonville Ct. Those were the big projects, and rounding out the budget was roadside mowing, replacing broken off stop signs, and pothole patching—and that’s where your money went this past year.

Town of Aurora Officers		Town Hall Rentals <i>Capacity: 50 people</i>	Recycling Center Hours <i>Wednesday: 12pm - 4pm</i> <i>Saturday: 10am - 4pm</i>
Chairman	CJ Young 920-237-9919 aurorachairman@gmail.com	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, 2 bathrooms, and smart TV (features HDMI(3) and USB(1) ports. No TV or Internet service. Cables not provided.) Go to townaurora.com for more information.	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. Sort Items: 1-Paper 2-Metals & Plastics 3-Non-recycleable items
Supervisor I	Jeff Toll 920-295-2269		
Supervisor II	Andy Przybyl 920-979-7608		
Clerk	Ann Mosling 920-229-5583 townauroraclerk@gmail.com		
Treasurer	Melissa Zamzow 920-290-2084 auroratownshiptreasurer@gmail.com		
Town Hall Meetings 2 nd Thursday of Month 7pm			

Town of Aurora's Election Integrity *By Ann Mosling*

The Wisconsin Elections Commission has created a sophisticated mix of technology, security measures and practical safeguards to make sure every legal vote is counted correctly—whether you cast your vote at the polls or by absentee ballot. The Commission also requires that election officials are highly trained to perform their duties, and tracks the type and quantity of training election officials receive yearly. When adhered to, Wisconsin's election laws provide extremely tight control over eligible voter registration, election processes, and the handling, security, and counting of ballots. Here in the Town of Aurora, we follow *all* the rules and regulations to the letter of the state law to protect the integrity of our local elections, as is required and enforced by Waushara County. The following are just a few ways that the Town of Aurora's election officials, in conjunction with Waushara County, make voting accurate, secure, and trust-worthy:

#1 Absentee voter information gets verified. Before an absentee ballot can be requested, eligible voters must first register to vote. Voter information and eligibility is double-checked in every election - *at both state and local levels* - before they receive a ballot.

#2 One ballot per voter. The county clerk and the Town of Aurora clerk work jointly to track every ballot and voter registration in a powerful statewide database, MyVote.wi.gov, to verify voter eligibility and ensure there's just one ballot per registered voter.

#3 Absentee votes must be witnessed. For an absentee by mail ballot to be considered valid, absentee voters must have a witness—an adult U.S. citizen who can confirm the voter filled out their own ballot.

#4 Ballots are securely stored and transported. All ballots, whether they are blank, voted Absentee, or voted on election day, are carefully collected and securely stored before, during, and after Election Day. There is a transparent chain of custody for every ballot and voting machine in use in Waushara County.

#5 All ballots get counted, including absentee ballots. Valid absentee ballots are always counted on Election Day, no matter if the race is tight or looks like a landslide.

#6 All voting equipment is tested and certified. All ballots are counted on local voting machines that have been tested and certified by the manufacturer, the state, and the county, and then retested again in public before every election by the Town of Aurora clerk, ensuring the equipment is accurate and in good working order. Additionally, all Waushara County voting equipment are standalone machines that do not have modems to connect them to any network and cannot be accessed remotely.

#7 Every vote has a paper trail. A paper record is required of every vote that is cast in Waushara County, no matter what kind of ballot or voting equipment is used. Once a voter meets eligibility and receives a ballot, the ballot is anonymous and is never tied to the voter's name to protect the privacy of your vote.

#8 The public can observe the process. From voting machine testing, observing election day activities, and counting ballots after polls close, members of the public are welcome to observe the election process in all Waushara County polling locations alongside trained local election officials.

#9 Election results are triple-checked. An election's vote total isn't official until it has been checked at the local municipal level, double-checked by the county, and certified by the state.

#10 Election officials are trained to look for inaccuracies and illegal votes. Local election officials perform various audits of election records during and after the election. In addition, county election officials conduct two separate audits for each county municipality after every election to look for count inaccuracies and identify cases of vote ineligibility or fraud.

#11 The active voter database is routinely maintained year-round. County and local election officials jointly maintain accurate active voter registration by identifying whenever a registered voter passes away or moves out of the township, and removes them from the active voter database.

Visit elections.wi.gov or contact the Town of Aurora Clerk to learn more about the security measures that protect election integrity in our community.