

**TOWN OF AURORA**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Thursday, October 10, 2024

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Officers present were Chairman CJ Young, Supervisor I Jeff Toll, Supervisor II Andy Przybyl, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Resident Tom Mosling was also in attendance.

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, and attendees recited "The Pledge of Allegiance."

The Clerk verified that the meeting Agenda was posted on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website ([www.townaurora.com](http://www.townaurora.com)), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the agenda and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the Minutes from the September 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting enter them into the official record. Motion carried.**

**Officers' Reports:**

**A) Treasurer's Report:**

The bank account beginning balance for **August 2024** was \$166,894.67. Deposits totaled \$483.22, including \$20.41 in earned interest, and Payments totaled \$3,107.65, for a Statement ending balance of \$164,270.24. However there were two outstanding checks totaling \$80.00, which gave us a month-end cash on-hand balance of \$164,190.24

YTD Receipts: \$1,004,166.58

YTD Disbursements: \$1,415,233.70

The bank account beginning balance for **September 2024** was \$164,270.24. Deposits totaled \$49,507.39, including \$22.39 in earned interest, and Payments totaled \$21,505.95, for a Statement ending balance of \$192,271.68. However there was one outstanding check totaling \$30.00, which gave us a month-end cash on-hand balance of \$192,241.68.

YTD Receipts: \$1,053,673.97

YTD Disbursements: \$1,436,689.65

**B) Clerk:**

- Receipts: The State HWY Aid money has already been deposited into the bank account this month, and it will show up in reporting next month, and that will bring October's receipts up to budget. Through September, we are ahead of the YTD total receipts by \$522,158.97 but slightly behind YTD budgeted receipts through December by -\$68,018.31.
- Disbursements: Actual expenditures for Sept are \$8,247.92 greater than budgeted, primarily because we paid \$10,388.82 to the Berlin FD for the State Fire Aid we received in both 2023 and 2024. Rural Mutual Insurance came in October a month earlier than expected, and our 2025 policy increased \$169.00 over 2024. QuickBooks/Technology expenditures for Sept are \$100 under budget because I didn't need to buy checks this year. September HWY expenditures were \$2,756.33 under budget. The remaining Hwy budget is \$107,868.62. YTD expenditures are currently under budget by -\$184,599.84.

**C) Board**

**Business:**

1. There is a "Stop Ahead" sign approaching County X and Cumberland Ave intersection for East-bound traffic, but not one for West-bound traffic. Andy would like a sign posted for West-bound traffic because evening visibility is poor due to the setting sun. **A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to install a "Stop Ahead" sign on Cumberland Ave. CJ will call the County and make the request. Motion carried.**
2. Discuss with possible decision: Continue collection of dog licenses at town level for 1<sup>st</sup> half of tax collections or pass this responsibility to the County Clerk in the new Ascent software for 2024 tax collections payable in 2025. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to table this issue until Missy is available. Motion carried.**

3. Per Gary Podoll/Deputy Chief Berlin FD, if a new firetruck is purchased by Dec 1, 2024, the chassis will be ready in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2025, and payment for the chassis will be due at that time. Payment for the rest of the firetruck will be due upon delivery of the completed firetruck in 2027. A final decision on whether a firetruck is to be purchased will be forthcoming later this month at a special meeting with the Berlin FD. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to open a new 1-yr CD for our saved firetruck funds upon the expiration of the existing CD on 10/20/2024. The new CD is to be funded by the existing CD funds plus an additional \$12,000 from the bank account, as was planned in the 2024 Budget. It is understood there will be a penalty fee charged if a portion of the CD funds are removed early to pay for the firetruck chassis. Motion carried.**
4. The board did not receive any bids for snow plowing/road sanding services for the town roads during the 2024-2025 winter season. CJ will make direct service inquiries from various vendors.
5. Vanda Lemke has stated that she would like to become an election inspector for the November General Election, and she is willing to take the necessary training before the election. However, the Aurora Town Board will not convene another regular board meeting before the next election. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by CJ, to conditionally appoint Vanda Lemke as an Election Inspector for the Town of Aurora for the 2024-2025 Election Period. This appointment is contingent upon Vanda having completed the 3-hr Election Day Training class offered by the Clerk prior to Election Day, November 5, 2024, and taking an Oath of Office. Motion carried.**
6. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to make a \$1,000 donation to each Berlin Public Library and Poy Sippi Public Library in November 2024, as was planned in the 2024 Budget. Motion carried.**
7. Mowing services for 2025: The position for lawn mowing at the town hall and town cemetery is open for 2025. We will need to post a newspaper AD for bids in February. Roadside mowing will continue to be done by Pete Kallas.
8. Discussion of the 2025 Budget. Ann needs to finish the preliminary budget, email it to board when finished, and schedule a special meeting when Missy can also attend, for the board to review and discuss the budget. The board will need to approve the 2025 Budget at the next regular board meeting on Nov 14, 2024. The Public Budget Review meeting is scheduled on December 12, 2024 at 6:30pm.
9. Road report and any necessary decisions pertaining to maintenance and improvement.
  - Current projects:
    - a. Call Hyler to pump for Josh Kolpin and charge as a tax supplemental.
    - b. 36<sup>th</sup> Ct/Allen Chikowski - Nate Olson/Olson Legal Group is expected to have a contract drawn up and ready to sign by the end of this week for a 33' right-of-way easement
    - c. Riverdale/Sunset Lane water drainage – **completed**
    - d. Install 2 “Slow/children present” signs on E. Waushara St for east- & west-bound traffic- **completed**
    - e. Remove 15-17 trees/brush in the road right-of-way and close to power lines, on the property of Doug Lane/W135 Cumberland Ave; temporarily close the road to traffic while work is being done
  - Future projects:
    - Blacktop town hall parking lot and make curbs/sidewalk
    - Next year’s seal coating projects / crack fill before seal coating if we have the money:
      - E. Waushara – from Retzlaff’s to top of the hill, approximately 1 mile
      - Side streets off of E. Waushara
      - 32<sup>nd</sup> Dr (road to Walmart): ditching, need quote on overlay, roadway sagging at culvert (culvert itself verified OK)
    - 37<sup>th</sup> Ave
10. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the scheduled payments. Motion carried.** Checks were signed by CJ and Andy.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Ann Mosling, Clerk