

**TOWN OF AURORA**  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING  
Wednesday, April 10, 2024

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Officers present were Chairman C.J. Young, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Three residents were present.

The meeting Agenda was posted on Monday, April 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 Przybyl, and seconded by Jeff Toll, to approve the agenda and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried. (6 in favor and none opposed.)

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p. m. by Chairman Young.

The minutes from the 2023 meeting were approved after a **motion by Andy Przybyl and a second by Jeff Toll. Motion carried.** (6 in favor and none opposed.)

The 2023 financial report was given by Clerk Mosling. Copies of the report had been distributed to all electors present. The Income for 2023 totaled \$1,534,753.60, while the Expenses totaled \$1,662,948.76, producing a negative Net income of -\$128,195.16. The town had a total of \$89,644.65 available funds in all accounts on December 31, 2023. Of this amount, \$15,000 is the town's contingency, \$12,000 is the Firetruck reserve, and \$2,500 is in outstanding checks not yet processed, leaving a balance of \$60,144.65 in undesignated funds. Major expenditures for 2023 included \$1,338,595.90 paid in taxes, \$145,103.12 for highway repairs and improvements, \$62,511.42 for fire protection and new equipment for the City of Berlin, \$31,496.00 for ambulance services, and \$12,000 was moved into the firetruck fund. **Jeff Toll made a motion, seconded by Andy Przybyl, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.** (6 in favor and 0 opposed.)

The road report was given by Chairman Young. No major road projects were undertaken in 2023 as the year's budget was used up funding the 36<sup>th</sup> Rd project undertaken in 2022. However, the roadways were patched, as is normally done. The annual road inspection is scheduled for Sunday, April 21, 2024, after which an assessment of roadway conditions will be made, and a priority of projects will be set for 2024. In 2024 we will continue our on-going project to replace the road signs which began in 2022, and this year will replace all the signs east of Highway 49. Snowplowing services cost \$22,465.98 so far this winter season, but billing for the last recent snowfall has not yet been received. No action taken.

Discussion of wages:

1. Wages for board members remain unchanged for 2024. **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Jeff Toll, to keep the board's salaries at the same rate as last year: Chairman and Treasurer \$6,000/year, Supervisors \$3,000/year, and Clerk \$12,000/year. Motion carried.** (6 in favor and 0 opposed.)
2. Wages for lawn mowing remain unchanged for 2024. Becky Olsen has recently stepped down, and Allie Young was asked to do the mowing. Allie has already trimmed the shrubs in front of the town hall. **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Jeff Toll, to hire Allie Young to mow and trim the town hall and cemetery properties and keep the rate for lawn mowing at \$20/hr if using her own mower, plus mileage to/from site, plus full reimbursement. Motion carried.** (6 in favor and 0 opposed.) A reminder was issued that expenses for mowing the town hall and the cemetery need to be reported separately.

3. Wages for Roadside Mowing remain unchanged for 2024. Pete Kallas will continue to do the roadside mowing. **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Jeff Toll, to keep the rate for roadside mowing at \$12/hour, plus mileage for parts pickup. Motion carried.** (6 in favor and 0 opposed.)
4. After discussion, wages for Election Inspectors will remain unchanged in 2024. Ann reported that a second Chief Election Inspector is needed. Possible ways to advertise hiring for this paid position were suggested. **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Jeff Toll, to keep the rates for Election Inspector at \$12/hr, and Chief Election Inspector at \$15/hr. Motion carried.** (6 in favor and 0 opposed.)
5. The rate for roadside patching remains unchanged at \$13.50/hr; however, the county is currently doing this work for the town. No action taken.

Ann Mosling identified the 2024 Standard Mileage Rate for Business published by the IRS and effective 1/1/2024 is \$.67 per mile. **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Jeff Toll, to use the IRS's standard mileage rate of \$.67 p/mile. Motion passed.** (6 in favor and none opposed.)

A value for the town's tax levy is set by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, which may only be increased by net new construction. Aurora's tax levy of \$162,777 was established during the budget process in December of 2023. **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Jeff Toll, approve the 2024 Town of Aurora Tax Levy of \$162,777. Motion passed.** (6 in favor and none opposed.)

Town posting locations and newspaper notices were discussed. Currently the clerk posts notices: 1) on the town board located at Midway Gas & Oil, 2) on the Town Hall board, and 3) on the Town website. Also, any required newspaper notices are being published in the Waushara Argus and/or Berlin Journal. Ann reported that newspaper notices are no longer required with the possible exception of liquor licensing notices. **Jeff Toll made a motion, seconded by Andy Przybyl, to keep the posting locations and any necessary newspaper notifications the same. Motion passed.** (6 in favor and 0 opposed.)

Discussion of the rates for town licenses. Current license rates are as follows: Liquor License \$150/year, Beer License \$100/year, Wine \$100/year, Temp Class B Liquor License \$10/day, Operator's License 2-year term \$50, Cigarette License \$20/year, and Publication Fee (Liquor License) \$20 estimated. Ann reported that the cost of newspaper publication has greatly increased and needs to be increased to a minimum of \$32.50 to cover the cost charged for 2023 publication fees. New laws effective 2024 have added vaping under the tobacco and cigarette licensing law, and it is possible that new town ordinances will be needed for 2024 town licensing. Ann will need to review the new law and report back to the board at the May monthly meeting. **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Jeff Toll, to keep all licenses the same rate with the exception of the Publication Fee for which the fee charged should reflect the actual cost of publication and should be invoiced and paid after the Board has approved the liquor license application. Motion passed.** (6 in favor and 0 opposed.)

The board has previously discussed increasing the town hall rental fee, but an increase in the rental fee was not implemented. The current rental fees are: 1) Residents \$100 includes a refundable \$50 security deposit; 2) Non-residents \$150 includes a refundable \$50 security deposit; 3) 4H Groups \$50 per year, no refundable security deposit. **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Jeff Toll, to keep the rental fees that same for 2024. Motion passed.** (6 in favor and none opposed.)

The 2024 fire protection service contract is \$33,582.26, decreased by \$164.97 from 2023. During 2023, the City of Berlin Fire Department made 33 fire calls to the Town of Aurora, including 12 accidents and 2 fires. We have not yet received an actual amount needed from the town for a new pumper firetruck, but we think we have enough money saved to cover our portion of the truck's cost. The board discussed ending input into the

firetruck fund, and starting a new fund to cover the cost of paving the parking lot and/or replacing the (original) roof. This decision will be made after the total cost of the pumper firetruck is made known to us. No action taken.

The reports for ambulance service and zoning were not available. No action taken.

In previous years donations of \$1,000 each were made to the Poy Sippi and Berlin Libraries. **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by CJ Young, to increase the donation rate to \$1,250/year to each Berlin and PoySippi libraries. Motion passed.** (6 in favor and none opposed.)

The date for the 2025 Annual Meeting is set for Wednesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Aurora Town Hall. This meeting will be directly followed by the April 2025 Regular monthly Board meeting, which is rescheduled from the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. **Motion made by Andy Przybyl, and seconded by CJ Young. Motion passed.** (6 in favor and none opposed.)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Ann Mosling,  
Town of Aurora Clerk