

# TOWN OF AURORA

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

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## The Town Budget

Each year the town board has to formulate a budget to provide and pay for the costs associated with providing services to the people of the town. First, the cost of services is calculated. Services such as maintenance of the town roads, fire protection, ambulance services, and education are the direct responsibility of the town and make up the majority of the town's budget. The town also has to run local, state, and national elections, and collect taxes. All of these services become disbursements in the budget. Second, the board must determine how the services will be paid for. The state provides shared revenue and highway aid to the town. Also the town has some income from licensing and the cell tower lease. The rest of the money has to come from property taxes. Lastly, the board presents a budget proposal at the annual December budget meeting to the town electors (*you - all our residents*), who then set the amount of the town levy.

Shown here is a summary of the proposed 2024 budget. It will help give you an idea of where the town monies come from and how they are spent.

The 2024 budget has increased \$9,589 from 2023. The largest levy (*tax*) increase occurred in the Moraine Park Tech levy, due to the passing of last fall's election referendum. While the referendum did not pass within our town, it did pass overall. The largest expenditure for 2024 is expected to be in the Public Works category, which includes town road maintenance. There was a shortfall in the 2022 Public Works budget due to the overrun of the 36<sup>th</sup> Rd project for which we paid in 2023, and so we did not have money in the 2023 budget for road maintenance other than patching pot holes. The board hopes to address more road repair issues in 2024.

### 2024 Tax Levy Requests

Waushara County	\$821,362.65
Town of Aurora	\$165,152.64
Berlin Schools	\$1,036,582.29
Omro Schools	\$702.62
Moraine Park Tech	\$83,656.13
Fox Valley Tech	\$69.36
Total School Levy	\$2,107,525.68

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

Berlin Schools	49%
Moraine Park Tech	40%
Waushara County	39%
Town of Aurora	8%

### Summary of 2024 Town of Aurora Budget

REVENUES	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	% Change
Taxes:General Levy	\$ 162,777	\$ 165,153	1.44%
Other taxes	\$ 50	\$ 35	-43%
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 94,077	\$ 91,287	-3.06%
Licenses & permits	\$ 620	\$ 730	15.07%
Public charges for service	\$ 200	\$ 200	0.00%
Intergovernmental charges	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ 15,217	\$ 11,861	-28.29%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 272,941</b>	<b>\$ 269,266</b>	<b>-1.36%</b>
Carryover applied	\$ 36,188	\$ 49,452	26.82%
<b>Total Available Cash</b>	<b>\$ 309,129</b>	<b>\$ 318,718</b>	<b>3.01%</b>
EXPENDITURES	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	% Change
General government	\$ 52,287	\$ 65,785	20.52%
Public safety	\$ 104,023	\$ 65,552	-58.69%
Public works	\$ 122,276	\$ 158,056	22.64%
Health & human services	\$ 2,573	\$ 2,300	-11.87%
Conservation & development	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ 970	\$ 25	-3780%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 282,129</b>	<b>\$ 291,718</b>	<b>3.29%</b>
Reserve for Ambulance	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Reserve for Firetruck	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	0.00%
Reserve for Contingencies	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	0.00%
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 27,000</b>	<b>\$ 27,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 309,129</b>	<b>\$ 318,718</b>	<b>3.01%</b>

## Town Officers

### Chairman

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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 will bring us four elections: 1) Spring Primary, 2) Spring & Presidential Preference Primary Election, 3) Fall Partisan Primary, and 4) Fall General & Presidential Election. Whatever happens, it looks like it's already shaping up to be an eventful election year! As always, your town's election officials and I will work tirelessly to ensure the integrity of your vote. We are very conscious of our responsibilities, and we continually train ourselves to ensure that your vote remains privately yours, and that each and every vote is accurately counted and reported. If you are interested in becoming an election worker, please contact me! Proof of identification is required by law for both absentee ballot voting and in-person voting on Election Day. Please visit our town website, [townaurora.com](http://townaurora.com), for town-specific election information, or visit [MyVote.wi.gov](http://MyVote.wi.gov) for everything related to elections: register to vote, identify your polling place location, view what will be on your ballot, request an absentee ballot, and more. Upcoming 2024 Election Dates:

Spring Primary: February 20, 2024      Spring Election: April 2, 2024

Fall Primary: August 13, 2024      Fall Election: November 5, 2024

## Chairman's Report

By CJ Young, Chairman

In 2023 the town approved ATV/UTV access to the Aurora town roads, which so far has been going well. I have only received a few complaints about speeding and running stop signs on 36<sup>th</sup> Ave.

We have had additional problems with people dumping garbage in the road ditches and vandalizing road signs, so I ask you to please be vigilant of any of this and report any sightings. It is both a crime and a safety hazard to tamper with road signs. As for dumping garbage or other things in the road right-of-way, the town *does not* have a policy to pick up garbage. Yes, when doing our road inspection in the spring, we try to pick up the tires and other large items as we drive around inspecting the roads. But the rest of it falls on the landowner.

The town is working on upgrades to the town website. Hopefully this will help everyone stay better informed on what is going on in the township. But the best way to stay informed, is to come to the regular monthly board meeting. I hope to see you there!

## 2023 Road Report

In 2023 the town spent \$40,000 on snow plowing. We have a new contract this year with A&D Auto Service, LLC, owned by Devin Petit. Please let us know how he is doing. 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. Only in the event the plow itself damages the mailbox will it become the operator's responsibility.

This year the town finished paying for the work done in 2022 on 36<sup>th</sup> Road.

We have had complaints about not being able to read the road name signs. Replacing them is a work in progress. In 2021 the town received a \$30,000 estimate to replace them. So, in 2021, the town replaced all required reflective signs (stop signs & curve signs.) In 2022 we replaced all town roads signs north of HWY 21. This coming year we are hoping to replace all road signs east of Hwy 49. In 2024 we will be working with a road budget of \$150,000. That sounds like a lot, but it doesn't go very far.