The Board would like to take this time to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and happy, healthy New Year.

## **Updates and Reminders:**

Payment of taxes is the same. Your tax payment must be postmarked no later than January 31. The County has moved to a tax software. Recording your payment should not take that much longer, hopefully. This new software will make it easier for a person to view their past payments easier. If you would like more information please contact Chris Kolasa at 715-447-5701.

Dog licensing is a must. Licensing rules have not changed. If you did not receive a license application with your taxes, please contact Chris Kolasa. *THERE WILL BE A RABIES CLINIC ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025 AT THE TOWN OF AURORA HALL FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON. PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET YOUR DOG(S) VACCINATED.* If you have renters, please notify them that they must license their dog(s). Often, the board does not realize that the renter has a dog. If your taxes are escrowed, please remember to send in your dog license fee separately.

Henry Pommerening is the contact for the dump/recycling site. He will have 2025 calendars available at the dump site for you to pick up as a reminder of the days when garbage and recycling is available. Recycling guidelines are given on the reverse side of the calendar. Something to remember is that if the bottle is recyclable the cap/lid may not be. Remember to check the inside of the cap/lid! Tires are handled through a program with the county. PLEASE do not drop off tires at the dump/recycling site. If you question whether something is recyclable, contact Hank at 651-408-2982.

Dump/recycling hours of operation are:

First and third Saturday of each month: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ALSO, beginning in May2025 through October 2025, the dump will be open on the last Wednesday from 4-7 p.m.; and **Friday**, **November 28 and Saturday**, **December 27** from 4-7 p.m. In unforeseen or emergency circumstances, if you are not able to dispose of your garbage/recyclables on Saturday or the additional Wednesday, please contact Hank and he will assist you. Keep in mind that he has been authorized to charge for opening the dump on days not normally scheduled.

When you are planting crops or setting up a grazing area, please leave enough room to allow for the Town equipment to grade/clip roadsides, etc., to avoid any unexpected removal of your crop or fencing material.

At harvest time, it is the landowner's responsibility to see that the mud is removed from the road. We realize that time is of the essence when harvesting crops, but leaving mud on the road can create an accident hazard and liability issue. Keep in mind that if the town has to remove mud we can charge the landowner up to three (3) times the amount that we pay our maintenance person to remove it.

When planning to put in a culvert, you Must get permission beforehand. The Town has an ordinance and a permit form that must be completed prior to work beginning.

Private gravel hauling/purchasing is done on an individual basis. You will get the town bid price, with an added surcharge from the company, for any gravel you have delivered. Payment for the gravel will have to be made at the time of delivery (whether by credit card or check), unless you work out something with the gravel company. Sanding of a private driveway is the responsibility of the individual.

There have been inquiries about dust control. The Town will not provide dust control because of issues in the past. However, we can provide company names and phone numbers for different options if an individual or group of people would like to oversee that dust control is available to those living on gravel roads.

As always, unless it is an emergency, feel free to contact any board member between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with any concerns or questions you may have.

The Town Board: Brian Phelps, Chairperson, (715-202-0800); Supervisors, Earl Hinkel (715-447-8416) and Frank Czahor (715-447-5476); Teresa Madlon, Clerk (715-579-7839); and Chris Kolasa, Treasurer (715-447-5701).