MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING Thursday, January 12, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Officers present were, Chairman C.J. Young, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling.

Tonight's meeting Agenda was posted on Tuesday, January 10th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (www.townaurora.com), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil.

Due to the large number of residents in attendance with their primary concern being the discussion of ATV routes, CJ suggested moving this issue to the top of the Business agenda. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to make this Agenda change and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes from the December 8, 2022, Regular Board Meeting were emailed to the Board and reviewed prior to the start of today's meeting. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the Minutes. Motion carried.

Officers Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for December 2022 was \$266,074.78.

Deposits of \$569,284.29 were made, plus \$20.19 in earned interest.

Payments of \$131,957.74 were deducted, and two outstanding checks totaling \$186.19.

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$703,215.14.

2022 YearEnd Receipts: \$1,617,866.85 2022 YearEnd Disbursements: \$1,636,649.77

A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

B) Clerk:

- Status of CD: Balance \$73,984.23. Term 12M. Maturity 11/20/2023. Interest rate 1.0%.
 CJ requested that this item be added to the October 2023 agenda for the Board to address before the CD matures.
- 2. Damage occurred while town hall was rented Christmas Day: kitchen counter was detached from the wall, utility room doorknob was broken, garbage bags were stolen, hall generally not cleaned: tables/counter not wiped clean, permanent marker on tables, not vacuumed/swept. Due to increasing costs for heat/cooling and cleaning supplies, Ann requested that the Board examine whether to increase rental fee, or possibly implement a holiday premium to cover cleaning costs. CJ requested that a discussion of the rental fee be added to next month's agenda.
- 3. It was discovered that a gentleman from outside the Town of Aurora is using the town dump. The Board stated that the dump is operated by the county. No action needs to be taken.
- 4. WISPA Midwest Broadband Summit is scheduled in Brookfield, WI on January 27, 2023, for any persons interested in the availability of Internet access.
- 5. Waushara County is currently accepting proposals and development ideas from contractors, community members and groups until March 20, 2023, for the Courthouse and North Annex Properties when the county offices are vacated in 2024. Ruth Zouski, Corporate Counsel for

- Waushara County, stated that the county does not currently have a set idea for the best use of the properties, and provided a link to the county's documents: https://wausharacountywi.municipalone.com/bids.aspx?categoryid=0&id=44900&cadid=635
- 6. Upcoming 2023 Spring Elections: Primary February 21st General Election April 4th One of the town's two Chief Election Inspectors, Connie Belter, has retired effective immediately. This leaves the town with only one Chief Inspector, responsible for running the town's elections, for the 2yr term ending December 31, 2023. Although a couple of residents have already expressed interest in becoming a poll worker, Ann will publish a request for interested persons, and schedule training classes for Election Inspectors and Chief Election Inspectors.

Business:

- 1. CJ opened a discussion of ATV routes in the town of Aurora. Several residents, ATV riders, and members of organizations spoke. 14 residents emailed their opinion supporting the establishment of ATV routes in Aurora; 4 emailed against. Jim Hansen submitted 48 written opinions he collected from residents to the board's review. CJ presented and read a proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance would designate the following roadways located within the territorial boundaries of the Town of Aurora as ATV/UTV routes, unless posted as closed: all township roads and transportation—marked corridors; all county roadways if authorized by Waushara County; bridges 1,000 feet or less on state and county highways; all roadways on state or county roads of 35 MPH or less. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the approve the ordinance. Attendees ayed in favor. Motion carried.
- 2. Citing a possible perception of a conflict of interest in any decision made about a conditional use permit for grain sites, CJ assigned Andy Przybyl to act as mediator for this issue and then temporarily stepped aside. Andy asked Paul Olsen to speak to his request for a grain site permit. Then Andy opened the floor to discussion. Residents cited the following issues: dusk to dawn lights; noise including mill grinding, dryers, and truck air brakes; dust effecting air quality, bee wings, roadway access to a mill, increased truck traffic on county roads, zoning for private use versus commercial use, unsightliness of a grain storage facility. Andy proposed that establishing a conditional use permit would be in the best interests of the community rather than doing nothing at all, and obtained agreement from the attending residents. Due to the lateness of hour, Andy called for the following:
 - a. Residents should submit a personal list of conditions to be considered for a conditional use permit no later than midnight on Sunday, January 15th by emailing the clerk at: <u>townauroraclerk@gmail.com</u>. This address may be found on town's website: <u>www.townaurora.com</u>
 - b. Using the residents' suggestions, Andy and Jeff will draft a formal set of conditions for a conditional use permit.
 - c. Schedule a follow-up meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 7 p.m., to present, discuss, and make decision on specific conditions to present to the county for a conditional use permit. Andy's intention is to provide a 24-hour notice to Paul Olsen before approaching the county.
 - d. Issued an open invitation to all residents to attend the follow-up meeting.
- 3. Reviewed a liquor license request from Dena Michels of the Borth Snowmobile & ATV Club for their upcoming Fisheree on 2/4/2023. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the approve the request for a one-day Temporary Class B License for the sale of fermented malt beverages. Motion carried.
- **4.** An attending resident reported that the culvert (on Cumberland Ave??) failed and water is running over into roadway and into his field. CJ said that the town will split the repair cost with the resident. CJ will drive out and take a look.

5. CJ and Andy approved scheduled payments. CJ and Melissa signed checks.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Thursday, January 18, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Officers present were Supervisor Andy Przybyl (acting chair), Supervisor Jeff Toll, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling.

Tonight's meeting Agenda was posted on Monday, January 16th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (<u>www.townaurora.com</u>), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil. An update to the agenda was posted on Tuesday, January 17th to all locations.

Business:

Andy presented for discussion and decision a suggested list of conditional use requests to be potentially imposed on the Willow Creek Grains Facility, located at W2185 County Road Q in the Town of Aurora. Andy stated that any conditions agreed upon with the town residents would have to be submitted to the Waushara County Zoning Department, and that the Town of Aurora does not have jurisdiction regarding County Hwy Q or State Hwy 49, or have the authority to enforce a conditional use permit (CUP) issued by the county. The county must regulate CUP compliance. Jeff Toll will represent the Town of Aurora at the next county board meeting on February 16, 2023, at 7p.m. Town of Aurora residents may attend this meeting, as well. Andy will discuss with Todd (county zoning dept) the possibility of establishing a natural barrier, which includes a berm and/or trees in front the site, as another conditional use request. Andy has already spoken with Paul Olsen, and he has agreed to comply with the conditions if they are reasonable. Andy encouraged residents to contact him or attend a board meeting if they have further comment or complaint with non-compliance if a conditional use permit is issued.

These are the conditional use requests:

- Hours of operation
 - Site will be limited to a 13-hour window of operation, 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM. An additional 2 hours of operation will be permitted from Oct 15th through December 15th for harvest season.
 - o No grinding will be permitted outside of the time frames specified above.
- Lights
 - o All high grain facility lights should be pointed in and down to the property to minimize light pollution
 - o All grain facility lights will be turned off during non-operational hours
 - Small, low elevation (less than 20 ft) lights can remain on for security purposes
 - A sign must be placed by the scale, in view of the driver, instructing them to turn off trucks lights during loading and unloading of grain.
- Fencing
 - A natural barrier of trees, and or berm with trees will be planted along the north side of the property to aid noise, debris, and light reduction
 - The barrier cannot obstruct operator's views leaving the facility nor entering County Road Q or HWY 49.
- Entrance and on-site conditions
 - Expand driveway width to a minimum of 50 feet.
 - Max speed of 15mph on the premise to keep dust at a minimum.
 - A sign is to be posted on the entrance of the facility.
- New Construction

- Only 1 additional 100k bushel bin (54X18) will be permitted to be built on the property per the plans of the original land use permit (#21 188 2021)
- No additional structures, of any kind, are permitted to be built on the property without approval of the Aurora Town Board
- No additional structures will be permitted to be constructed higher than the highest point currently on the site as of 1/13/2023.

A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve conditional use requests and file them with the county. Attendees ayed in favor. Motion carried.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING Tuesday, February 7, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Officers present were Chairman C.J. Young, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Three residents and two guests were also present.

The meeting Agenda was posted on Sunday, February 5th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (<u>www.townaurora.com</u>), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the Agenda and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed minutes from the January 12th, Regular Board Meeting and the January 18th Special Board Meeting. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the Minutes and enter them into official record. Motion carried.

Officers Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for January 2023 was \$703,401.33.

Deposits: \$680,241.02, including \$116.85 in earned interest

Payments: \$641,738.28, and two outstanding checks totaling \$362.00.

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$741,542.07.

YTD Receipts: \$680,241.02 YTD Disbursements: \$641,940.47

The January Tax Settlement payments have been paid to Waushara County and the four school districts. Melissa reported there are several residents who are delinquent in making their tax payments before the January 31st due date. The board will need to review taxpayers still delinquent at the next board meeting, and decide a course of action. The February Tax Settlement payments are due February 20th. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

B) Clerk:

Ann reported on when individuals working for the town are considered Employees vs Services. The State of WI mandates Unemployment Insurance be carried by all government employers, and benefits must be provided to all persons employed unless:

- Service of an official elected by public vote
- Service of member of legislative body or judiciary
- Service provided solely on a temporary basis in case of fire, storm, snow, earthquake, flood, or similar emergency
- Service in a policy or advisory position not normally requiring more than 8 hours per week
- Service performed by individual who is enrolled at a nonprofit or public educational institution which combines work experience with academic instruction
- Individual is free from employer's direction and control under terms of written contract and/or day-to-day performance
- Services performed in an independently established trade, business or profession in which the individual is customarily engaged

C) Board:

- 1. Jeff has scheduled service for the tractor, but service is very busy. Tentative schedule is hopefully by April 15th. The board decided that the timeframe should be OK as the tractor is probably not needed until after June 1st. Jeff will follow-up on service schedule.
- 2. Jeff verified he will attend the Waushara County public hearing on Thursday, February 16, 2023, which will include the consideration of a conditional use permit application made by Olsen Farms to establish a commercial grain drying facility in the Town of Aurora.

Business:

- 1. Guest Mike Hammerly from Anvil Custom presented his company's services: landscaping, excavation, road maintenance, ditch cleaning
- 2. 2023 Ambulance contract for \$31,496.00 received from the City of Berlin was reviewed. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to accept the Ambulance Service contract. Motion carried.
- 3. Discussion of possible increase in town hall's rental fee due to increased costs in heating/cooling and maintenance and cleaning supply expenses. Discussion included possible increase in the rate and/or a holiday premium rate, and a possible cleaning fee. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by CJ, to increase the hall rental fee by \$50 for both residents and non-residents. Motion carried. The new resident fee is \$100 and the non-resident fee is \$150. Each will continue to be charged an additional refundable \$50 security deposit, the rate which has not changed.
- 4. After 1 of 2 of the town's Chief Election Inspectors retired at the end of 2022, a replacement is needed for the remainer of the 2022-2023 election cycle. Thomas Mosling requested to be nominated to the position, and has submitted his certification of completed Chief Election Inspector training, which provides 2 of the required 6 hrs training necessary. He is currently in training for the remaining 4 hours, and expects to be completed before the Spring Primary Election. A nomination was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to elect Thomas Mosling a Chief Election Inspector for the Town of Aurora. Motion carried. The Clerk will be responsible for ensuring that the required 6 hours of election training is completed before the election on February 21, 2023.
- 5. Action Appraisers tentatively scheduled an Open Book Review to be conducted over the phone on Tuesday, April 18th, at 9-11am. Board members cannot all make this time. *Ann will try to reschedule for a Saturday.*
- Action Appraisers tentatively scheduled the Board of Review on Thursday, May 11, 2023, from 5-7pm. Ann must complete the required training beforehand. The rest of the board completed training in 2022.
- 7. The Annual Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7pm.
- 8. There was nothing new to report on the town's road conditions.
- 9. **CJ, Andy, and Jeff approved scheduled payments.** CJ and Melissa signed checks.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING Thursday March 9, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Officers present were Chairman C.J. Young, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Resident Thomas Mosling and Guest Jenn Moen were also present.

The meeting Agenda was posted on Tuesday, March 7th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (<u>www.townaurora.com</u>), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the agenda and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed minutes from the February 7th Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the Minutes and enter them into official record. Motion carried.**

Officers Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for February 2023 was \$741,904.07.

Deposits: \$222,448.97, including \$86.87 in earned interest

Payments: \$830,647.49, and no outstanding checks.

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$133,705.55.

YTD Receipts: \$902,689.99 YTD Disbursements: \$1,472,225.96

A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

B) Clerk:

1. The February Tax Settlement payments have been paid to Waushara County and the four school districts:

School Districts	January	February	<u>Total</u>
Berlin School District	\$303,372.52	\$473,715.05	\$777,087.57
Omro School District	\$185.01	\$288.88	\$473.89
Technical Colleges	January	February	<u>Total</u>
Moraine Park VTAE	\$16,054.97	\$25,069.78	\$41,124.75
Fox Valley VTAE	\$18.48	\$28.85	\$47.33
Waushara County	\$202,853.75	\$317,008.61	\$519,862.36
Grand Total Paid:			\$1,338,577.42
he Town of Aurora received:	\$43,610.22	\$68,097.19	\$111,707.41

- 2. Ann presented a spreadsheet of the Budget vs Actual numbers for the 1st Quarter of 2023. Expenditures were much greater than budgeted, due in part to increased taxes paid by the town and the 2022 ambulance service bill being paid in March this year rather than June of previous year. The 2022 ambulance service bill also increased at \$31,496.00 where 2021's bill was \$21,000. The board wants to see the budget vs actual spreadsheet presented each month, and requested adding a year-to-date summary for next month's meeting.
- 3. The Spring Primary election held on February 21st went well. The town's election inspectors their usual great job. The Board of Canvassers certified that 132 votes were cast in the Town of Aurora with the

following results: Janet C. Protasiewicz received 38 votes
Daniel Kelly received 69 votes
Everett D. Mitchell received 6 votes
Jennifer R. Dorow received 19 votes

- 4. The board gave their approval for the clerk to hang a white board in the office, and a new bulletin board in the hallway of the town hall. We also have an extra flag that can be displayed, but the clerk should first verify the flag etiquette for proper mounting on a wall: flag should be vertical with the union stars on the top left.
- 5. Waushara County Zoning Dept sent a notice of decision and a copy of the approved and signed Conditional Use Permit requested by Olsen Farms. Paul Olsen intends to appeal the decision due to the restriction of hours of operation and driveway requirements. Andy updated the list of conditions requested by the town residents, and Paul will take this updated list to the Board of Appeals. Major changes are as follow:
 - Times changes from 7am-7pm to 6am-7pm
 - Date extended for harvest to December 15th
 - Drive max down to 50ft due to zoning and culvert lengths on county roads

The updated list of conditions may be viewed below.

- 6. Fire Extinguisher inspection was performed on 3/9/2023.
- 7. Received an insurance settlement check of \$1,331.64 from the road damages claim filed last fall.
- 8. Quote received from Jason Johanknecht/Data Pro: 5 Norton Licenses for 50. \$160/year for IT Support. Or \$200/year for IT Support and Norton Utilities (5 devices). This may be bundled up to 3 years if paid \$600 up front.
- 9. We received a request from the Horton Group to quote our 2023 Insurance renewal. The board decided to grant this request. Ann will contact the Horton Group.

C) Board

Business:

- 1. Jenn Moen/Fortifi Bank presented updated paperwork for signature, and recorded proof of ID, for the board members to become authorized signers of the checking account.
- 2. Reviewed and discussed the ATV signage proposed by the Fox Wheelers ATV/UTV Club. There appear to be 4 signs that may not be needed, as the only entrance point to the town road is via a state highway, which are not open to ATV/UTVs. CJ will contact Dennis Yoder to discuss possible changes.
- 3. Updates to the town hall's rental agreement were not available at the meeting. This item is tabled until the next meeting.
- 4. There has been some unavoidable but significant snow plow damage to the shoulders of two roads. They will be repaired by the town board. It was noted that the town hall parking lot needs to be plowed whenever plowing is needed on town roads. Nothing else new to report on the town's road conditions.
- 5. **CJ, Andy, and Jeff approved scheduled payments.** CJ and Melissa signed checks.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Conditional Use for Olsen Farms (Version 2)

The Town of Aurora is imposing these restrictions on the grain facility located at W2185 County Road Q.

- Hours of operation
 - Site will be limited to a 12 hour window of operation 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM. An additional 2 hours of operation will be permitted from Oct 15th through December 15th for harvest season.
 - o No grinding will be permitted outside of the time frames specified above.

• Lights

- All high grain facility lights should be pointed in and down to the property to minimize light pollution
- All grain facility lights will be turned off during non-operational hours
 - Small, low elevation lights can remain on for security purposes
- A sign must be placed by the scale, in view of the driver, instructing them to turn off trucks lights during loading and unloading of grain.

Fencing

- A natural barrier of pines, and or berm with trees will be planted along the north side of the property to aid in noise, debris, and light reduction
 - The barrier cannot obstruct operator's views leaving the facility nor entering County road Q or HWY 49.
- Entrance and on-site conditions
 - Expand driveway width to a minimum of 50 feet.
 - o Max speed of 15mph on the premise to keep dust at a minimum
 - A sign is to be posted on the entrance of the facility.
- Future buildings
 - Only 1 additional 100k bushel bin (54X18) will be permitted to be built on the property per the plans of the original land use permit (#21 188 2021)
 - No additional structures, of any kind, are permitted to be built on the property without approval of the Aurora Town Board
 - No additional structures or light will be permitted to be constructed higher than the highest point currently on the site as of 1-13-23

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING Tuesday, April 18, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:33 p.m, directly following the Annual Meeting. Officers present were Chairman C.J. Young, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Residents Thomas Mosling, Jim Hansen, and Lynn Hansen were also present.

The meeting Agenda was posted by the Clerk on Sunday, April 16th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (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.

The Board reviewed minutes from the March 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the Minutes and enter them into official record. Motion carried.

Officers Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for March 2023 was \$133,705.55.

Deposits: \$2,286.20, including \$14.90 in earned interest

Payments: \$43,896.51, and one outstanding check totaling \$75.00.

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$92,020.24.

YTD Receipts: \$904,976.19 YTD Disbursements: \$1,472,225.96

A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

B) Clerk:

- 1. 2023 Lottery and Gaming payment of \$6,386.72 has been received from the State and county.
- 2. WEC is renewing for 2023 the Election Security .gov Email Domain Subgrant which rewards up to \$600 for transition to a wi.gov or .gov email domain. Ann will follow up with the webmaster and IT Support for pricing to convert email addresses. A decision of whether to change the town's email accounts and apply for this subgrant will be made at a later date.

C) Board

Business:

- 1. It was on the agenda to review and discuss, with possible decision, a proposed update to the conditional use permit requested by Olsen Farms. However, Olsen Farms did not file for an appeal of the County's approved Conditional Use Permit as expected, and so the original conditions approved by the county in Feb'23 remain in effect. It was noted that Olsen Farms has added a culvert and widened the driveway by 11' to a maximum of 50' in compliance with Conditions #9 and #10 stated in the Conditional Use Permit. No action is needed at this time.
- 2. Lawn care services for the 2023 season will continue to be provided by Becky Olsen. An ad for bids is not needed.
- 3. Received notification from WI DNR about a new American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Well Compensation and Well Abandonment Grant Program to which qualified Aurora residents are eligible to apply. The Well Grant programs provide funding to well and water system owners to replace, reconstruct, treat or abandon their wells or water systems. The board requested this information to be posted for residents on the town website.
- 4. Discussion of Open Book and BOR: CJ contacted the assessor, and no changes were made to the schedule or viewing of the assessment rolls for Open Book. Melissa suggested that a link to the assessment roll on the assessor's website should be noticed to residents. However, the assessor has not provided a link, but instead provided a copy of the real estate and personal property assessment rolls to the clerk. The clerk has printed both assessment rolls, and gave notice on May 5th that they may viewed in the clerk's office by appointment. The BOR is scheduled for May 11 at 5-7:00 p.m. The notice for BOR was posted and submitted for publication in the Berlin Journal on April 26th to be published in the edition in the following week, May 4th.

- 5. Progress of ATV Routes: CJ discussed with Dennis Yoder the board's suggested changes to the ATV signage proposed by the Fox Wheelers ATV/UTV Club, and came to an agreement. Per Dennis's request, Ann has setup an account with the DOC Bureau of Correctional Enterprises on April 10th so that signs may be ordered. Dennis is currently selecting the signage needed, and when completed, Ann will place the order. No action is needed at this time.
- 6. Updates to the town hall's rental agreement were presented by Ann. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the changes to the rental agreement which include the prior-approved \$50 price increase. Motion carried.
- 7. Ann was informed that the Liquor and Cigarette Licenses will need to be noticed when the licenses are issued. Ann has sent out notifications of license renewal and application forms to licensees to be returned by May 15th to allow for the publication of notice to occur in June, and the state-required 15 day waiting period before new licenses may be issued effective on July 1st. No action is needed until after May 15th.
- 8. The 2023 Road Inspection is scheduled for Sunday, April 23rd, starting at 8am.
- 9. Patching of town roads has been started by the county, and work is ongoing. Stone from a rock pile on Jeff's property will be used to repair shoulder damage on two town roads that occurred over winter.
- 10. CJ, Andy, and Jeff approved scheduled payments. CJ and Melissa signed checks.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday, April 18, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Officers present were Chairman C.J. Young, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Resident Thomas Mosling was present, and Jim and Lynn Hansen arrived after the meeting started.

The meeting Agenda was posted on Sunday, April 16th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (www.townaurora.com), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil. A motion was made by Jeff Toll, and seconded by Andy Przybyl, to approve the agenda and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried. (6 in favor and none opposed.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p. m. by Chairman Young.

The minutes from the 2022 meeting were approved after a motion by Jeff Toll and a second by Andy Przybyl. Motion carried. (6 in favor and none opposed.)

A summary of the 2022 financial report was given by Chairman Young. A portion of the financial report, including 2022 Receipts and Disbursements, a comparison of Budget to Actual 2022 Revenue and Expenditures, and 2022 Profit and Loss report, was completed by Clerk Mosling, but CJ Young requested that it be completed in format as presented in previous years.

Discussion of wages:

- 1. Wages for board members remain unchanged for 2023: Chairman and Treasurer \$6,000; Supervisors \$3,000; Clerk \$12,000. Allison Krause will be paid for Clerk for the months April-July; Ann Mosling will be paid for Clerk for the remainder of the year August-March.
- Discussion of Lawn Mowing for the town hall and Sacramento cemetery: Jeff Toll made a motion, seconded by Andy Przybyl, to increase the hourly rate FROM \$15/hr, plus mileage to & from site, plus fuel reimbursement TO \$20/hr only if using your own mower, plus mileage to & from site, plus fuel reimbursement. Becky Olsen will continue to do the mowing. Motion passed. (6 in favor and none opposed.)
- 3. After discussion, wages for Roadside Mowing remain unchanged from 2022: \$12/hour, plus mileage for parts pickup. Pete Kallas will continue to do the roadside mowing. No action taken.
- 4. Chairman Young suggested a rate increase for Election officials, which was followed by discussion.

 Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Jeff Toll, to increase the Election Inspector hourly rate from \$10/hr to \$12/hr, and the Chief Election Inspector hourly rate from \$12/hr to \$15/hr. Motion passed. (6 in favor and none 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 2023 Standard Mileage Rate for Business published by the IRS is 65.5 cents per mile. CJ Young made a motion to use the IRS's standard mileage rate of 65.5 cents p/mile. Andy Przybyl made a second. Motion passed. (6 in favor and none opposed.)

The cost of beer, wine, liquor and cigarette licenses was discussed. Liquor license is \$150, beer is \$100, wine is \$100, one day beer license is \$10, and cigarette license is \$20. Melissa suggested that the 2-yr Operator License be increased from \$40 to \$50. Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Jeff Toll, to keep all the

licenses the same rate except to increase the Operator License to \$50. Motion passed. (6 in favor and none opposed.)

Town posting locations were discussed. Currently the clerk posts notices at Midway Gas & Oil, the Town Hall, and on the Town website. Also, required newspaper notices are being published in the Waushara Argus and/or Berlin Journal. Several possible alternative posting sites were suggested. **Andy Przybyl made a motion, seconded by Jeff Toll, to keep the posting locations the same. Motion passed.** (6 in favor and none opposed.)

The reports for fire, ambulance, 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 Pryzbyl made a motion to keep the donation rate at \$1,000, seconded by Jeff Toll. The decision whether to make the donation will depend upon available funds, and therefore will be made at a later date. Motion passed. (6 in favor and none opposed.)

The date for the 2024 Annual Meeting was set for the 3rd Tuesday in April: April 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. This meeting will be directly followed by the April 2023 Regular Board meeting, which is rescheduled from the usual 2nd Thursday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. **after a motion by C.J. Young and seconded by Jeff Toll. Motion passed.** (6 in favor and none opposed.)

Ann Mosling, Town of Aurora Clerk

Town of Aurora Road Inspection

8:00AM-10:00AM, April 23rd, 2023

The following board members met for annual road inspection at the town hall to drive the township roads: CJ Young, Andy Przybyl, Jeff Toll and Ann Mosling.

Areas of concern listed below:

- Culverts
 - -Cottonville: Mark wants to lower the culvert
 - Also investigate doing some ditching on the south side of the road from the culvert going east
 - 34th Ave: sunken culvert (by Katie's)
 - Cumberland Ave: water crosses under the road -- field drainage is bad
 - Jeff wants to do some ditch work there and throw spoils into the field where that guy put in a driveway with no culvert last year (this is the field by Braun's across from Reinbold's driveway)
 - 35th: culvert cover ripped off
- General Needs
 - Chicago Rd: east torn up from snow plow, and wedge
 - Chicago Ave: grade dirt road
 - Need to discuss this with town of Poy Sippi
 - 34th Rd: grind between hills, gravel
 - 36th Rd: use stone pile to fill-in
 - 32nd Dr: 2 pot holes, sunken culvert, missing sharp left turn sign at Cumberland Dr
 - Cumberland Dr: cracks need to chip and seal coat
 - Sign on 37th and Cypress
 - Resident complaint about it not being visible
 - 35th Ave: tore up pretty bad from snowplow
 - Maybe some gravel on the shoulders could extend the life but probably need to grind this in the next two years.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING Thursday, May 11, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 7:07 p.m. Officers present were Chairman C.J. Young, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Resident Thomas Mosling was also present.

The meeting Agenda was posted by the Clerk on Tuesday, May 9th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (www.townaurora.com), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by CJ, to approve the agenda and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed minutes from the April 18, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by CJ, to approve the Minutes to be entered into the official record. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for March 2023 was \$92,095.24.

Deposits: \$18,711.33

Payments: \$1,546.34, and three outstanding checks totaling \$290.74.

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$108,969.49.

YTD Receipts: \$923,687.52 YTD Disbursements: \$1,518,914.10

A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by CJ, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

B) Clerk:

- 1. Forms completed, submitted, and presented for board inspection: a) 2022 DOR Financial Report (Form CT), b) ARPA/SLFRF Compliance Report, and c) 2022 Town of Aurora Annual Financial Report.
- 2. Liquor License renewal notifications have been sent out to current licensees. Return due date is May 22nd.
- 3. A quote for .gov email conversion was provided by Webs by Wagner (have not yet received one from Data Pro). The quote provides pricing for a one-time email address setup fee, a renewal setup fee for a .gov domain, and a yearly email address fee. The board agreed that the cost of email conversion is not justified at this time. No action is needed.

C) Board:

4. Retzlaff Motorsports has informed the board that they will not plow snow next winter. We will need to advertise for a replacement in August.

D) Business:

- 5. Progress on ATV routes: Dennis Yoder is ordering the ATV roadside signs himself. The Fox Wheelers Club will pay for them and install them. A completion date is currently unknown.
- 6. The board was scheduled to discuss the possible need to create an ordinance for utility work on town roads. However, CJ recently received a sample ordinance from the county commissioner relating to utility work on county roads, and hadn't a chance to review it before the meeting. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by CJ, to table the discussion of whether the town needs to adopt a similar ordinance until the next meeting. Motion carried.
- 7. The 2023 road inspection was completed on Sunday, April 23rd. Surprisingly few major issues were observed and identified, which is good, because this year's budget has very few dollars allocated for road work. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by CJ, to table the discussion of identifying roadwork projects to be completed this summer until the next meeting. Motion carried.
- 8. Current road report: The county has finished patching the roads from winter damage. Repair of shoulder damage on two town roads is pending stone from a rock pile on Jeff's property.
- 9. CJ and Jeff approved the scheduled payments. CJ and Melissa signed checks.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes of BOARD OF REVIEW Thursday, May 11, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 4:59 p.m. to convene the 2023 Board of Review (BOR). Officers present were Chairman C.J. Young, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Zackery Zacharias, assessor, was the representative from Action Appraisers. Town of Aurora resident Thomas Mosling was also present.

The Agenda for the BOR was posted by the Clerk on Tuesday, May 9th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (www.townaurora.com), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil.

CJ nominated Ann Mosling to be the Chairperson. Andy made a second. Motion carried. However, Ann was unable to conduct the meeting, and CJ stepped in as Chairperson.

Jeff nominated Andy to be the Vice-Chairperson. CJ made a second. Motion carried.

Ann verified she has completed the mandatory BOR training by taking an online class, May 1, 2023, and has filed her affidavit with the DOR. A new change for 2023 now requires only one BOR member to be trained each year. All the other BOR members received training last year, so all BOR members have been certified.

Ann presented ordinances and policies that are recommended by Wisconsin Towns Association Board of Review Training:

1. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION ABOUT INCOME AND EXPENSES REQUESTED BY THE ASSESSOR IN PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MATTERS

This ordinance is required by State law. *CJ made a motion to approve this ordinance. Andy seconded. Motion carried.*

2. APPOINT ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW

Ann stated that this ordinance may not be needed. The minimum number of BOR members required is 3, and we have 5 trained members available. No one has appeared before the BOR this year with an objection. *No action taken.*

3. PROCEDURE FOR SWORN TELEPHONE OR SWORN WRITTEN TESTIMONY REQUESTS

CJ stated that he thinks it is important to appear before the BOR in person with an objection. Andy stated that because Open Book is no longer done in-person on a Saturday but rather over the phone on a weekday, that someone may skip Open Book and come directly to BOR. *After discussion, Andy made a motion to reject this procedure. CJ seconded. Motion carried.*

4. PROCEDURE FOR WAIVER OF BOARD OF REVIEW HEARING REQUESTS

CJ made a motion to approve this ordinance. Andy seconded. Motion carried.

Zackery Zacharias, Action Appraisers, presented the Assessment Roll. Zack provided an oral summary of the Annual Assessment. There is a total of 21,492.92 acres of real estate general property in the Town of Aurora, with an assessed value of \$102,341,300, and a fair market value of \$111,729,900. There is also a total of 173.0 acres of woodland, with an assessed value of \$375,300. There were three objections brought to Open Book, and the assessments for two of those objections were adjusted. The assessment for Tammy Domke was changed, and a new personal property assessment for Winegate Barraclough was added to the assessment roll. The ratio of sales to assessment for the Town of Aurora went down 7% and is currently rated 81% (the rating last year was 88%). The sales market for property remains strong in the Town of Aurora when there is property available. During on-site evaluation for assessment, the assessor is often unable to access the interior of property structures, and therefore is asking for building plans to determine size and structure. A full revaluation of property value is tentatively scheduled for 2025.

Action Appraisers will provide a property assessment quote by October to be used for budgeting for next years taxes.

Ann received the Assessment Roll from the assessor, and signed a receipt.

The BOR examined the Assessment Roll, and verified that it contained two updates made by the Assessor during Open Book. No errors were found upon examination.

There were no "Notices of Intent to File Objection" filed with the Clerk to be reviewed, and no taxpayers were present to bring objection in-person to the BOR.

The 2023 BOR was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING Thursday, June 8, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 7:09 p.m. Officers present were Chairman C.J. Young, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Resident Thomas Mosling was also present.

The meeting Agenda was posted by the Clerk on Tuesday, June 6th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (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 CJ, to approve the agenda and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed minutes from the May 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by CJ, to approve the Minutes to be entered into the official record. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

- A) Treasurer's Report: n/a
- B) Clerk:
 - Year-to-date (YTD) "Receipts and Disbursements" and "Budget vs Actual" spreadsheets were presented.
 - Unemployment filing was reported for weeks ending 4/29/2023 and 5/6/2023. Ann presented an updated YTD spreadsheet. Ann should check into filing regulation for employees of multiple employers for next meeting.
 - Published DOR reports: 1) 2022 Final Statement of Taxes, 2) 2022 Statement of Assessment
 - County-required 3-yr maintenance of the town hall septic system was completed Sat, June 3rd by Winnebago Liquid Waste.
 - Ann received paperwork for filing the 2023 DOT Pavement Ratings for the Town of Aurora, due December 15, 2023. CJ will complete and file the report with the WisDOT.
- C) Board: n/aD) Business:
 - 1. Progress on ATV routes per Dennis Yoder/Fox River Wheelers: "All the signs are up, except on HWY 21 and 73. I have to prepare a state form for the Township to submit to the Wisconsin Dot for sign placement. I hopefully will have this form completed by the end of this week and will forward to the town board for signature. The permit has to come from the municipality, once approved by the state, Waushara County will have to install the signs. (Fox River Wheelers will reimburse Town of Aurora)."
 - 2. The board was scheduled to discuss the possible need to create an ordinance for utility work on town roads. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by CJ, to table the discussion of whether the town needs to adopt a similar ordinance until the next meeting. Motion carried.
 - 3. Discussion to identify roadwork projects to be completed in 2023: No projects have been scheduled at this time due to lack of funds. Most of the 2023 road budget was already consumed by the 37th Street and culvert replacement project completed last year. Fortunately, few major road issues were observed during the 2023 road inspection, completed on Sunday, April 23, 2023. The board has resolved to discuss road repair emergencies, such as culvert failures, as they arise. No action to be taken at this time.
 - 4. Current road report:
 - An interfering willow tree has been removed on Cottonville Rd.
 - Repair of shoulder damage on two town roads is pending stone from a rock pile on Jeff's property.
 - The board discussed an issue brought forward by Tim White & Jane Panske/Riverdale Dr about delivery vehicles backing into their property to turn around, and their request for a way to provide a place for vehicles to turn around. The board determined that there isn't room in either the length or width of the road to allow space for a "cul de sac" or other type of turn-around, and no available money in the 2023 budget to purchase a right of way easement. No action will be taken at this time.

- Road sign on 37th & Cypress roads was hit and needs to be replaced. The board will table this issue for the time being and wait to see whether the road maintenance budget will allow it's purchase at the end of summer.
- 5. Discussion of renewing tobacco, liquor and operator's license applications by local businesses:
 - a. Applications for "Mimi's on Route 49" have not been received to date. All current tobacco, liquor, and Operator's licenses for Mimi's establishment and their bartenders will expire on June 30, 2023. Applications must be received before Friday, June 16th, to allow the state-required 15-day waiting period to elapse before the board may review and act on license applications, which will require the board to schedule a special meeting later in the month if and when those applications are received.
 - b. 2023 Tobacco License application for Midway Gas and Oil: A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by CJ, to approve the application and issue a 2023 Tobacco License. Motion carried.
 - c. 2023 Tobacco License and 2023 Renewal Liquor License applications for Freddy's Four Corners Bar & Restaurant: A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by CJ, to approve both applications and issue 2023 Tobacco and Liquor Licenses. Motion carried.
 - d. Review of a Temporary Class "B" liquor license application submitted by Berlin River Riders Truck and Tractor Pull on July 15th (rain date July 16th) in the name of Kristi Luker: A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by CJ, to approve the application and issue the Temp Class "B" Liquor License. Motion carried.
 - e. Discussion was held over whether to adopt and implement a new Resolution or Policy to charge an overdue penalty for renewing license applications when they are not submitted on-time. The board reviewed and edited a sample resolution, drafted by Ann. The board requested to review the updated document at the next meeting for further review and possible adoption, and Andy requested that the document be emailed to board members so it may be reviewed before the meeting.
- 6. Update to progress of Olsen's Mill conditional use permit: compliance with the county's requirements must be made by July 1st. Consequences of non-compliance will likely be a cease-and-desist order issued by the county.
- 7. CJ and Andy approved the scheduled payments, and signed checks.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Tuesday, June 27, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall for a special meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 8:08 p.m. Officers present were Chairman C.J. Young, Clerk Ann Mosling, and Supervisor Jeff Toll phoned into the meeting. Resident Thomas Mosling was also present.

The meeting Agenda was posted by the Clerk on June 20th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (www.townaurora.com), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil. CJ read the agenda into the record. A motion was made by CJ, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the agenda and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.

Business:

- 1. Discussion of renewing tobacco, liquor and operator's license applications received from "Mimi's on Route 49".
 - a. 2023 Tobacco License application: A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by CJ, to approve the application and issue a 2023 Tobacco License to Mimi's. Motion carried.
 - b. 2023 Renewal Liquor License application: A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by CJ, to approve the renewal application and issue a 2023 Class "B" Liquor License to Mimi's. Motion carried.
 - c. 2023 Operator's license applications: Ann performed a background check on each of the applicants and found no issues to report:
 - Lori Retzlaff
 - Jennifer Lumby
 - Emily Krier
 - Crystal Metoxin
 - Alyssa Nitzke
 - Melanie Willis

A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by CJ, to approve the applications and issue Operator's Licenses to each of the applicants. Motion carried.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING Thursday, July 13, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Officers present were Chairman C.J. Young, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Residents Thomas Mosling, Chuck Hayes, and Kris Shubert were also present.

The meeting Agenda was posted by the Clerk on Tuesday, July 11th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (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.

The Board reviewed minutes from the June 8, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by CJ, to approve the Minutes to be entered into the official record. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for **May 2023** was \$109,260.23.

Deposits: \$17,253.87, including \$14.99 in earned interest

Payments: \$29,203.54, and four outstanding checks totaling \$40,335.58

The May 2023 statement ending balance was \$97,310.56. The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$56,974.98.

YTD Receipts: \$940,941.39 YTD Disbursements: \$1,587,206.93

The checking account beginning balance for June 2023 was \$97,310.56.

Deposits: \$245.08, including \$10.08 in earned interest Payments: \$47,337.13, and no outstanding checks

The June 2023 statement ending balance, and month-end cash on-hand balance, was \$50,218.51.

YTD Receipts: \$941,186.47 YTD Disbursements: \$1,594,208.48

A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by CJ, to approve the Treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

B) Clerk:

- Unemployment filing was reported for weeks ending 6/17, 6/24, and 7/1.
- QuickBooks monthly subscription cost increasing from \$55 to \$60 effective 8/15/2023.
- DOR published Town of Aurora's 2023 full value manufacturing assessments:

Manufacturing Real Estate: \$744,100
 Manufacturing Personal Property: \$58,100
 Manufacturing Total: \$802,200

- Resident Laura Hutchinson emailed to inquire about Bug Tussel upgrades in Aurora: Bug Tussel reports they
 are placing fiber for high speed internet around E. Waushara St up to Willard Rd at this time. A map showing
 the planned route where fiber is being laid may be viewed at the Town Hall by contacting the clerk 920-2295583. Spectrum is also digging and laying conduit, in preparation for installing high speed internet fiber,
 along town roadsides. The clerk has contacted Spectrum but has not yet received a reply at the time of the
 board meeting. Residents may contact Spectrum directly (1-888-903-3720) to inquire if/when conduit and
 fiber will be laid at their specific address.
- New Aurora address on parcel 002-03521-0125: W755 County Rd X, landowner Robert Pribnow

C) Board:

• Jeff: Town roadside mowing has not been started. The mower has an electrical problem and needs repair. The tractor is acting like it was struck by lightning, and new alternator and battery got fried.

Business:

- 1. Progress on ATV routes: Waiting for WiDOT application and location of roadside sign installation from Dennis Yoder/Fox River Wheelers to enable Aurora to apply for ATV sign installation on Hwys 21 and 73.
- 2. Discussion of the possible need to create an ordinance for utility work on town roads: Such an ordinance would have positive points, however, Aurora roadsides are already under construction by Bug Tussel and Spectrum. The board determined that Aurora does not have the capacity to manage and enforce an ordinance if it was adopted. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to discontinue any further discussion to adopt a town ordinance for roadside utility construction. Motion carried.
- 3. Continued discussion and review of an updated draft of a new resolution to enable the board to charge an overdue penalty for renewing licenses applications. Andy made a motion, seconded by Jeff, to adopt the new Resolution to Charge a Penalty for Delinquent Renewing License Applications. Motion carried. The resolution was signed and dated at the meeting, and must be posted for public view.
- 4. Progress of Olsen's Mill conditional use permit: Status of conditional use permit was up for review by the County on July 1st. The county performed an inspection and found all conditions have been satisfied, except the relocation of the driveway, which is the last remaining unfulfilled condition. Andy reported that the county is meeting later in July to determine whether the driveway must still be moved.
- 5. Road report:
 - Repair of shoulder damage on two town roads is pending stone from a rock pile on Jeff's property.
 - Andy and CJ have both received resident complaints about road signs turning white and missing signs on Cypress/37 and 30th/Cumberland roads. Due to lack of available funds in the road budget, the board resolved at the June meeting to discuss only road repair emergencies in the 2023 budget. Therefore, the board will table this issue and review the budget later this year to determine whether there are available funds to replace road signs.
 - The state/county replaced a long-missing 35MPH sign on Hwy 49 South at the edge of Berlin.
 - 34th Rd has a significant bump in it, but is not yet cracked. It is likely that it will need future repair: grinding, with a mat placed down, 3" breaker then blacktop. No action needed at this time.
- 6. Andy and Jeff approved the scheduled payment. Checks were signed.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING Thursday, August 10, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Officers present were Chairman C.J. Young, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling.

The meeting Agenda was posted by the Clerk on Tuesday, August 8th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (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 CJ, to approve the agenda and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed minutes from the July 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by CJ, to approve the Minutes to be entered into the official record. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for **July 2023** was \$50,218.51.

Deposits: \$26,372.35, including \$8.79 in earned interest

Payments: \$5,550.42, with no outstanding checks The July 2023 statement ending balance was \$97,310.56.

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$71,040.44.

YTD Receipts: \$967,558.82 YTD Disbursements: \$1,599,758.90

A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by CJ, to approve the Treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

B) Clerk:

- Unemployment filing was reported for weeks ending 7/8, 7/15, and 7/22.
- State Shared Revenue received:
 - \$33.26 Exempt Computer Aid
 - o \$2,292.35 Shared Revenue
 - o \$34.60 Managed Forest Land
- CTI training completed, earning 2 points credit towards 2024-2025 WEC training (total of 6 required)

C) Board:

• CJ: Bill/Berlin Fire Dept \$28,611 required for respirators which is Town of Aurora's 17% portion **Business:**

1. Update/Status of CUP for Olsen Farms:

- a. The County met in July and discussed the last remaining unfulfilled CUP (conditional use permit) condition, which is the relocation of the driveway. A determination to remove this condition was made because the Olsen Farms' driveway cannot be moved any closer the Hwy 49 than it already is per state requirements.
- b. Complaints of CUP violations received by the county justified a review of CUP status. A county meeting is scheduled in August.
- 2. Board reviewed a temporary Class "B" liquor license application from Mimi's on Route 49 for the event Badass Hair Co. Open House & Grand Opening to be held on Saturday, August 12. Melissa identified that under State Statute 125.26.(6) Badass Hair Co. is neither a qualified entity nor have they been operational the required 6-month period necessary to qualify to apply for a temporary liquor license. Additionally, the Mimi's establishment already holds a Class B liquor license. Andy made a motion, seconded by CJ, to deny the request for a temporary liquor license.
- 3. Received WIDOT application and location of roadside sign installation from Dennis Yoder/Fox River Wheelers to enable Aurora to apply for ATV sign installation on Hwys 21 and 73, as well as the signs they had purchased. Ann is contacting Richard Handrick at the WIDOT North Central office.
- 4. Board reviewed text for an advertisement to request bids for snow plowing and roading sand services for the 2023-2024 winter season, and selected Wednesday, October 11th as a due date for bids to be received,

and Thursday, October 12th as the regular board meeting date when all bids received will be reviewed. Ann has been instructed to place ads in the Waushara Argus and the Berlin Journal for 2 weeks each.

- 5. Road report:
 - Repair of shoulder damage on two town roads is pending stone from a rock pile on Jeff's property.
 - Roadside and ditch mowing was started the first week of August and is on-going.
 - Cable laying construction crew accidentally cut internet wire to Reinbold's. It has been repaired.
- 6. CJ, Andy and Jeff approved the scheduled payment. Checks were signed.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING Thursday, September 14, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Officers present were Supervisor Jeff Toll, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Resident Thomas Mosling was also present. In the absence of Chairman CJ Young, Andy Przybyl conducted the meeting.

The meeting Agenda was posted by the Clerk on Tuesday, September 12th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (www.townaurora.com), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the agenda and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed minutes from the August 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the Minutes to be entered into the official record. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for **August 2023** was \$71,040.44.

Deposits: \$180.12, including \$9.02 in earned interest Payments: \$622.34, with no outstanding checks The August 2023 statement ending balance was \$70,598.22.

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$70,598.22.

YTD Receipts: \$967,738.94 YTD Disbursements: \$1,600,381.24

A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the Treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

B) Clerk:

- Unemployment filing was reported for week ending 7/29.
- Email received from Mark Hanson states his address sign is in bad shape and would like to know how to get
 it fixed or replaced. Mark may contact the County directly. Ann should first inquire with the County about
 replacement costs before contacting Mark.
- Email received from Dale Belter to inquire about the right-of-way width for Cottonville Ct between Hwy 49 and 31st Ave.
 - WI State Statute 82.18 defines a "highway" width at 66 feet wide, unless, in the town board's
 discretion that width is impractical, and the town board may determine the highway width, but it
 must be at least 49.5 feet in width.
 - WI State Statute 82.50 defines "town road" standards with an emphasis on quantity of traffic.
 - Cottonville Ct is a "town road", located between Hwy 49 and 31st Ave, which has a surface width of 20 feet, with no shoulders, a ditch measuring 10 feet on either side, and services 4 posted address signs. Cottonville Ct falls within the definition of a "town road with local service and intermittent traffic" under WI State Statute 82.50(1)(a), which is:

1. Right-of-way: 3 rods (1 rod = 5.5 yards)

2. Roadway width: 20 feet3. Surface width: 16 feet.

- The Board recommends to Mr. Belter that any landscaping or construction on private property should be measured a minimum of 33 feet away from the center of Cottonville Ct road to allow for any possible future road construction.
- WTA-Waushara County Unit meeting scheduled Sept 25, 2023, 6:15pm at Silvercryst Supper Club. RSVP 920-566-2855 by Sept 24th to attend.
- Board reviewed Rural Mutual Ins. Co. policy changes for the upcoming 2023-24 renewal. Ann is working on
 obtaining a quote from a California-based company, who contacted the Town for the opportunity. The
 Board also suggested getting local quotes from the Walker Agency and Caren Reich/State Farm Ins.
- Andy volunteered to look into requirements to rehang the Town of Aurora sign, fallen due to a broken hook.

- The US Flag has been installed in the Town Hall once again. The Board determined that the Pledge of Alligance will be added to the agenda for October's Board Meeting.
- Ann is unable to attend the regularly scheduled October Board Meeting. It is rescheduled to: Wednesday,
 October 11th at 7:00pm

C) Board:

N/A

Business:

- 1. Ann reported no status update to ATV Route Implementation.
- 2. Ads for winter snow plowing/road sanding are being run in the Berlin Journal on Sept 14&28, and the Waushara Argus on Sept 21&28. Billboard ads are a separate billable ad from the Berlin Journal. The Board approved an additional 1-week ad in both Berlin Journal and Billboard papers on the "off" September week.
- 3. Date has been set for the Board to review the 2024 Budget: **December 7, 2023 at 6:30pm**, directly preceding the December Regular Board Meeting. Ann will need to make budget preparations for the November Regular Board Meeting.
- 4. Road report: N/A
- 5. Andy and Jeff approved the scheduled payments. Checks were signed.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING Thursday, October 11, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, October 11, 2023, at 7:05 p.m. Officers present were Chairman CJ Young, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Residents Thomas Mosling, Devin Petit, and Dale Belter were also present.

The meeting Agenda was posted by the Clerk on Tuesday, October 9th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (www.townaurora.com), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the agenda and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed minutes from the September 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the Minutes to be entered into the official record. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for **September 2023** was \$70,598.22.

Deposits: \$44,772.12, including \$9.32 in earned interest

Payments: \$262.54, with no outstanding checks

The August 2023 statement ending balance was \$115,107.80.

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$115,107.80.

YTD Receipts: \$1,012,511.06 YTD Disbursements: \$1,600,643.78

A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the Treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

B) Clerk:

- The WI DNR has issued a Special Fire Warning for all of Waushara County. An annual burning permit is now required in the county, and specifically in the Town of Aurora.
- General dues for WI Towns Association membership expected to increase approximately \$50 next year.
- Notice received from WI DOR that a town under population of 3,000 may exceed its allowable levy limit if
 the town completes a special resolution process. Undetermined as yet whether this will be needed for the
 2024 budget.
- American Tower Corp is interested in Aurora's tower. Ann needs to check how long current contract is, and respond to their request for information.

C) Board:

- Jeff reported that the tractor dash needs repair. New part is \$1K. Rebuild approx. \$400-\$600. A motion was made by CJ, and seconded by Andy, to send the existing part in for rebuild. Motion carried.
- Reminder that reports for the 2023 Newsletter are needed in November from Chairman, Treasurer, and Clerk.

Business:

- After discussion, a motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve a new certified survey map (CSM) to break Parcel 002-02323-000, owned by Donald & Barbara Rosner of W580 Cumberland Ave, into three new parcels. Motion carried. CJ signed the proposed CSM.
- 2. The board had a discussion of the 2023-2024 winter snow plowing/road sanding bids submitted by RTR Leasing, Inc (DBA Ripon Truck Repair Snowplowing), Retzlaff Motorsports LLC, Brothers Concrete Constuction LLC, and A&D Auto Service. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to accept the bid submitted by A&D Auto Service including the changes as discussed in the meeting and a re-write of the contract. Motion carried. Ann will draft the contract and provide a Town of Aurora roadmap for A&D Auto Service.
- 3. After discussion, a motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to accept the "Agreement for Maintenance Assessment Services" from Action Appraisers & Consultants, Inc for 2024 property assessment services. Motion carried. CJ signed the contract.

- 4. The board discussed proposals from two website development companies, Munibit and ProudCity, to redesign the town's website. Ann would like to add new material the website, including Election information and emergency procedures information. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to allow the clerk to make the proposed website updates through the current website designer, Webs by Wagner. Motion carried.
- 5. The Board discussed its CD, containing funds to purchase a firetruck, which will expire 11/20/2023. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to take out a new 1-year CD in November and transfer an additional \$12,000 from the bank account into it. Also, Missy should attempt to find a better interest rate for municipalities than the 1% rate the town is currently receiving. Motion carried.
- 6. After a discussion, a motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to make a \$1,000 donation to each of the Poy Sippi and Berlin libraries, as is budgeted in November 2023. Motion carried.
- 7. The 2024 budget is currently being developed, and must be ready for the board to review at the November 9, 2023 board meeting. A public hearing for electors to approve the 2024 Tax Levy is scheduled for December 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm.
- 8. A question was raised to the board whether they will be accepting bids for 2024 lawn care. The town currently has an employee who mows the town hall yard and the town cemetery on Hwy 49.
- 9. Road report: The county is currently patching holes in the town roads prior to winter.
- 10. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the scheduled payments. Checks were signed by CJ and Missy.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING Thursday, November 9, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Officers present were Chairman CJ Young, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Residents Thomas Mosling, Devin Petit, and Dale Belter were also present. Attendees recited "The Pledge of Allegiance."

The Clerk posted the meeting Agenda on Tuesday, November 7th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (www.townaurora.com), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the agenda and proceed with the meeting. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed minutes from October 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the Minutes to be entered into the official record. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for **October 2023** was \$115,107.80.

Deposits: \$18,836.15, including \$17.36 in earned interest

Payments: \$1,395.97, with one outstanding check totaling \$5,260.00

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$127,287.98.

YTD Receipts: \$1,031,347.71 YTD Disbursements: \$1,607,299.75

A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the Treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

- Missy reported that \$12,000 would be transferred from the bank account to the new CD on 11/20/2023. The new CD will have a 12-month 5% interest rate and mature on 11/20/2024.
- Missy will need a Tax Collection Bond for the Dec'23-Apr'24 tax season. Ann will contact Victor Magnus/Rural Mutual Insurance about obtaining the bond.

B) Clerk:

- The Clerk received an inquiry about the availability of liquor licenses in the Town of Aurora for the sale of alcohol and beer out of a gas station. The Board reported that Aurora has a quota of two Class "B" liquor licenses that authorize the retail sale and consumption of liquor on or off the licensed premises, and both licenses are being used. However, more suitable to the inquiry, an unlimited number of "Class A" Liquor Licenses may be issued, which authorizes the retail sale of liquor, including wine and cider, in the original containers for consumption off the licensed premises. Ann will inform the resident.
- Newsletter drafts due to Missy by Dec 4th.
- Ann should make the 2024 budget a 13-month calendar to include December 2023.

C) Board:

- Andy is fixing the "Town of Aurora" road-side sign.
- Andy reported the presence of a crane at Olsen's grain bin was for maintenance purposes only.

Business:

- After discussion, a motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the 2023-2024 winter snow plowing/road sanding contract with A&D Auto Service, LLC. Devin was provided with a Town of Aurora map showing the snow plow route, and a check for the month of November. Motion carried. CJ and Devin signed the contract.
- 2. After discussion, a motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to do nothing with American Tower's proposal to buyout the town's cellular tower lease. Motion carried.
- 3. Discussion about possible income opportunities presented: increase license fees, and charge residents for fire signs. Consensus reached that neither of these items generates near enough income to become helpful in balancing the budget in the face of rising tax levies from the school districts. We must find other sources of revenue that does not tax the residents. No action taken.

- License fees can only be increased at the annual meeting, and it is suggested that the Clerk reach out to area clerks to determine average license fees being charged. Aurora's Operator's license \$50/2yr (rule any amount per year). Aurora's Class B Retail Liquor License \$150/yr (rule \$50-\$500). Unchangeable: Cigarette License \$20/yr, Temp Class B \$10/yr
- Fire Signs & post: County charges Aurora for expenses related to installing fire signs: fire sign \$50, post if needed, labor \$13.87, benefits \$9.03, small tools \$.32, equipment-truck \$8.76, admin \$4.00.
 Costs vary per job, shared projects, etc. Total \$85.98 \$135.36 to install a fire sign. Non-payment may be handled by special assessment applied to taxes.
- 4. Ann presented a completed draft of a balanced 2024 budget. However, Andy needs to see the established 2024 mill rates before the budget can be finalized. While the county and the school districts have provided their tax levies, we are still waiting on the county to provide the mill rate worksheet with it's pre-populated real estate and property values. Ann and Missy will complete the mill rate worksheet when it becomes available, and then Ann will contact Andy to finalize the budget. A public hearing for electors to approve the 2024 Town of Aurora Tax Levy is scheduled for December 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm.
- 5. Ann to add Jeff's land lease agreement to the agenda for the December board meeting.
- 6. Road report: The county is currently patching holes in the town roads prior to winter.
- 7. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, to approve the scheduled payments. Motion carried. Checks were signed by CJ and Missy.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING Thursday, December 7, 2023

The Aurora Town Board met at the town hall on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 7:11 p.m. Officers present were Chairman CJ Young, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Resident Thomas Mosling was also present. Attendees recited "The Pledge of Allegiance."

The Clerk posted the meeting Agenda on Tuesday, December 5th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (www.townaurora.com), 2) Town Hall board, and 3) Town board located at Midway Gas and Oil. A motion was made by Jeff, and seconded by Andy, 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 November 9th regular board meeting and enter them into the official record. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

A) Treasurer's Report:

The checking account beginning balance for **November 2023** was \$132,547.98.

Deposits: \$13,408.82, including \$13.78 in earned interest

Payments: \$50,715.87, with three outstanding checks totaling \$4,500.00

The month-end cash on-hand balance was \$90,740.93.

YTD Receipts: \$1,044,756.03 YTD Disbursements: \$1,657,354.31

A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the Treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

B) Clerk:

- WTA's Town Advocacy Council, which provides advocacy for legislation that advances town government interests, is requesting funds, \$.25 for each of the 999 residents in the Town of Aurora, in amount of \$249.75 annually. Payment was approved.
- WI Statutes for noticing budget summary for towns has been changed to posting in 3 locations rather than publishing in a newspaper.
- CD paperwork received from the bank identifies 11 months at 4.0% interest different than what was quoted to the treasurer as 12 months at 5.0% interest. Clerk has been in contact with the bank concerning the change.

C) Board:

- Jeff: Resident reported to be interfering with trucks at Olsen's mill with the complaint that head lights are being left on while at the mill.
- Andy: Assessor doing agricultural revaluation in Town of Aurora per state requirements.

Business:

- 1. Discussion of Township farm land contract. A motion was made by CJ, and seconded by Jeff, to approve a contract renewal by Jeff Toll with terms 14.5 acres/\$100 per acre/3yrs with hunting rights/payment required annually. Contract will be drawn up for signature at the next board meeting. Annual payment has been received.
- Election Inspectors for the 2024-2025 Term presented to the board: Chief Inspector Thomas Mosling.
 Inspectors Diane Bloch, Kristin Longworth, Sue Bartlett, Wanda Putzke, Beverly Van Ryzin, Phyllis Luttropp, Bernadette Krentz. Clerk to conduct election inspector training prior to the first 2024 election in April. A motion was made by CJ, and seconded by Andy, to approve the 2024-2025 Election workers.
- 3. Road report: The county is currently patching holes in the town roads prior to winter. A bill has not yet been received.
- 4. A motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the scheduled payments. Motion carried. Checks were signed by CJ and Missy.

MINUTES OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING OF THE ELECTORS Thursday, December 7, 2023

A public hearing for the electors of the Town of Aurora was held at the Aurora Town Hall on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 6:37 p.m to discuss and approve the 2024 Town of Aurora Budget. Town of Aurora board members present were Chairman CJ Young, Supervisor Jeff Toll, Supervisor Andy Przybyl, Treasurer Melissa Zamzow, and Clerk Ann Mosling. Resident Thomas Mosling was also present.

The meeting Agenda was posted on Tuesday, December 5th at these locations: 1) Town of Aurora website (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.

Business:

After discussion, a motion was made by Andy, and seconded by Jeff, to approve the 2024 Town of Aurora Budget as was prepared on November 22, 2023, and published. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 22st day of November 2023. Ann Mosling, Clerk Town of Aurora

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REVENUES	2023 Budget		2024 Budget		Change
Taxes:General Levy	\$	162,777	\$	165,153	1.44%
Other taxes	\$	50	\$	35	-45%
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%
Fund transfer-Ambulance	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%
Total Revenue	\$	272,941	\$	269,266	-1.37%
Carryover applied	\$	36,188	\$	49,452	26.82%
Total Available	\$	309,129	\$	318,718	3.01%
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EXPENDITURES	202	23 Budget	2	024 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%
Miscellaneous	\$	970	\$	25	-3780%
Total Expenditures	\$	282,129	\$	291,718	3.29%
Reserve for Ambulance	\$	-	\$	-	0%
Reserve for Firetruck	\$	12,000	\$	12,000	0%
Reserve for Contingencies	\$	15,000	\$	15,000	0%
Total Reserves	\$	27,000	\$	27,000	0%
Total Expenditures & Reserve	\$	309,129	\$	318,718	3.01%