

## **Town of Aurora**

### **Minutes of March 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Brian Phelps at the Town of Aurora Town Hall.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Brian Phelps, Earl Hinkel, Chris Kolasa and Teresa K Madlon.

LATE: Ben Bolstad

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BOARD MINUTES: Motion by Earl Hinkel to the approve, February 11, 2026 minutes as read, second by Brian Phelps and carried on a voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund \$39,886.34 and tax account \$48,014.22 and membership savings \$6.37. Motion by Earl Hinkel to approve the treasurer's report as presented, second by Brian Phelps and carried on a voice vote.

MONTHLY BILLS: Motion was made by Earl Hinkel to approve the bills, second by Ben Bolstad and carried on a voice vote.

PATROLMANS REPORT: Plowed and sanded as needed. Pushed banks back to protect roads from wash outs and filled pot holes. Posted road ban signs on all roads except River Rd. Received new signs to replace others that have been destroyed. Motion by Earl Hinkel to approve the Patrolman's report as presented, second by Ben Bolstad and carried on a voice vote.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

RR INTERSECTION ON MILLER: Brian informed board of everything the railroad wants the town to take care of before April 1<sup>st</sup>. One sign does need replacing but the rest they are requesting is not feasible.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

UPDATE ON ROADS: Plowed and sanded as needed. Pushed the snow banks back to protect road from run off after the rains, filled pot holes, put up limit signs, and the new signs are in so will replace damaged signs.

RAILROAD INTERESECTIONS: The RR Commission wants the town to move the RR signs by April 1<sup>st</sup> but frost won't allow that. They would like it to be blacktopped both sides of the cross but that would cost around \$110,000.00 which we don't have. They might put up a vehicle count machine near the crossing in May.

DISCUSSION ON ROAD PROJECTS: Gravel will be laid on as many roads as money allows. Brian received a letter on brushing and will look into the cost.

GRAVEL BIDS: Both the regular ad and TRI ad will be posted in the Star News and Shopper for two weeks.

EFT FROM COUNTY: Taylor County would like us to allow them to make (EFT's) electronic funds transfers to our accounts rather than sending payments thru the mail. Earl Hinkel made a motion to approve this, second by Ben Bolstad and carried on a voice vote.

HOWE CULVERT REQUEST: After Steven has inspected the area Lottie Howe would like to replace a culvert a letter is being sent showing she has permission to do so.

There was no other business or action to come before the board.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Ben Bolstad to adjourn the meeting, second by Earl Hinkel and carried on a voice vote.

NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2026.

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Teresa K. Madlon, Clerk