

Aurora Township Tax Rate to Drop 11 Percent

AURORA TOWNSHIP - Aurora Township's property tax rate is projected to drop 11.1% next year after the Board of Trustees approved tax levies at their December 11 board meeting. It will be the second year that the township's tax rate percentage will drop in the double digits.

For the owner of a \$300,000 home assessed at \$100,000, township property taxes are anticipated to drop from \$225.56 payable this year to \$200.52 payable next year.

Steady increases in the township's property tax base have helped to keep taxes low, said Township Supervisor Bill Catching.

"A strong local economy has certainly helped, but we also pay very close attention to our expenses," Catching said. "When I first ran for this office, I promised to hold the line on township taxes, and I have, and I will continue to do so."

Aurora Township's tax rate has dropped every year for the last 10 years - except for 2018 after a successful \$500,000 referendum for senior services passed in the prior year, according to an independent audit by Sikich.

In 2024, the overall Aurora Township tax rate dropped 10.19 percent and is projected to drop 11.1 percent in 2025 payable in 2026.

For 2025 payable in 2026, the township levy will be \$4.78 million and the Road District's \$2.37 million.

The most significant increases in the past ten years have come in funding for mental health services through the INC Mental Health Alliance, a consortium of seven townships. This year, INC provided \$2.1 million in funding to agencies such as the Association for Individual Development, Family Counseling Services, VNA Health Care, Family Focus and 12 other agencies.

Aurora Township offers rental assistance, sets property assessments for tax purposes, and maintains roads and bridges in unincorporated areas. Aside from those basic services, Aurora Township also funds mental health and senior citizen programming, funds and operates a paratransit program available around-the-clock 365 days a year, and owns and operates a Youth and Community Center at 313 Gale Street, Aurora.

Established in 1849, Aurora Township overlaps much of the City of Aurora and parts of the Villages of Montgomery and North Aurora.