

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY

AURORA, IL.

DATE JUNE 27, 2013

Time: 4:00 P..M.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

A meeting of the Aurora Township Board of Trustees was held at the Aurora Township office, 80 North Broadway, Aurora, Il., at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2013. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by statute.

I. Aurora Township Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Supervisor Catching led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Dolores Hicks gave the Invocation.

II. Aurora Township Clerk Ken Christy called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: - Bill Catching – Supervisor, Trustees: Dolores Hicks, Juan Reyna, Juanita Wells and David Moore. Assessor Davis Offutt was absent due to a continuing education class. Staff & Public present – as attached.

III, Motion to approve the minutes of regular Board of Trustees meeting of June 13th, 2013, made by Bill Catching , Seconded by Dolores Hicks. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

IV. Approval and/or Audit of Township and Road District Bills.

- A. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the Town Bills in the amount of \$113,435,79. Motion passed by Voice Vote.
- B. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Road District bills in the amount of \$18,063.49. Motion passed by Voice Vote.
- C. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve General Assistance bills in the amount of \$4,654.22. Motion passed by Voice Vote.
- D. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Building And Equipment bills in the amount of \$3,000.00. Motion carried by Voice Vote.
- E. Combined motion by Supervisor Catching to pay IMRF and Road and Bridge IMRF bills in the amount of 11,114.13 and seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion passed by Voice Vote.

F. Combined motion by Supervisor Catching to approve Social Security and Road and Bridge Social Security bills of \$6,730.71. Seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion passed by Voice Vote.

V. REPORTS

- a. Assessor's Report – Written report submitted by Mr. Offutt is attached.
- b. Road Commissioner Report – given by Jason Owens in lieu of Road Commissioner John Shoemaker. Jason reported that 99% overlay project is done. Mowing is a little behind because of rain. Trustee Wells asked about Debris Pickups-at this time very few calls received. Will keep monitoring it.
- c. Supervisor's Report – Bill Catching explained the need to stick to a very tight budget, and he will be updating the board on a regular basis and reviewing expenses.
- d. Code enforcement by Hector Benavides – Rain has caused a slight delay in our Senior mowing problem. Trustee Reyna asked about the Lawn equipment. Hector stated the equipment is old and we might be better to lease rather than buy. Trustee Wells asked about abatements and liens. The process was explained by Supervisor Catching.
- e. Unfinished Business – The resolution on hiring and terminating employees was tabled with a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by David Moore. Motion passed by Voice Vote.

VI – New Business –

A. Approval of Ordinance 2013- 12, Aurora Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2013- 2014. Motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Juanita Wells. Discussion followed: Supervisor Catching thanked Township Assessor Offutt for his cooperation in helping to balance the budget in the Assessor's office - and overall - and also discussed the need to look over the Ride in Kane program for help from others, like the City or County. He will continue to explore all options. Motion passed by Voice Vote.

B Approval of Ordinance 2013-12, Aurora Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. – Motion by Supervisor Bill Catching, seconded by Juan Reyna – Budget was explained by Jason Owens. Motion passed by Voice Vote.

C. Approval of Ordinance 2013-14 Personal Property Replacement Tax –Motion by Bill Catching, seconded by Juan Reyna. Discussion followed. – A thank you to Jerry Murphy of the INC 708 board for forgoing the usual \$10,000 typically given for mental health services because of this year's tight budget. Motion passed by Voice Vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Al Talip asked about the possibilities of building a sidewalk or shoulder for pedestrian traffic on Indian Avenue. Supervisor Catching and Jason Owens said that they were exploring ways to correct this situation and will look into possible solutions.

Ricky Rodgers talked about the Juneteenth event held last June 17 which was attended by 1000 people. Also requested a donation of \$250.00 to subsidize Summer Basketball program. Supervisor Catching

stated the town budget was too tight and suggested that Mr. Rodgers pursue other avenues to raise money.

Supervisor Catching thanked the volunteers who helped with the Youth and Senior Foundation's Fay's BBQ event, which was held at the youth center the previous Monday, which raised more than \$800.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - NONE

Motion to move to Executive session to discuss personnel at 4:34 p.m. by Bill Catching, seconded by David Moore. Motion passed unanimously by roll call.

(The executive session was recorded pursuant to state statute. As provided by state statute, minutes from this executive session will be prepared and reviewed on a regular basis to see if it is appropriate to release them.)

Motion to go back into open meeting at 4:55p.m. Roll call by clerk Ken Christy.

A motion was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to terminate the employment of bus driver Levie Stokes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Juan Reyna. Motion carried By Voice Vote. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the Township office.

Respectfully submitted,

KEN CHRISTY
AURORA TOWNSHIP CLERK