

AURORA TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY

AURORA, IL.

DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013

Time: 4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

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, Illinois, at 4 p.m.. Thursday, December 12th, 2013. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by statute.

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 Hicks gave the Invocation.

Aurora Township Clerk, Ken Christy, called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: - Bill Catching – Supervisor, Trustees: Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Juanita Wells.

Juan Reyna – Excused absence

Assessor – Davis Offutt – Present

Highway Commissioner – John Shoemaker - Present

Staff and public present – as attached.

II. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Nov. 26th, made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by David Moore. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

A. Motion made by Catching and seconded by Hicks, to approve the Town Bills in the amount of \$21,325.46. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Motion made by Catching and seconded by Moore, to approve Road District Bills in the amount of \$18,394.37. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Motion made by Catching and seconded by Wells, to approve General Assistance bills in the amount of \$4,856.99 Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. Motion to approve Mental Health Bills made by Catching and seconded by Hicks, in the amount of \$24,782.82. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Motion made by Catching to pay IMRF AND R&B IMRF bills in the amount of \$9,907.72, Seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

F. Combined motion by Catching to approve SOCIAL SECURITY and R&B SOCIAL SECURITY bills in the amount of \$5,120.39. Seconded by Wells. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

A. Assessor's Report - by Davis Offutt – Report Attached – Summary - The first of the 501 parcels that were filed with Kane County Board of Review, began December 5th, and will run through January 29th, 2014. All Board of Review hearings are open to the public. Clerk Christy asked for an explanation of permits processed, sales processed, divisions and parcel count. Assessor Davis Offutt gave a complete explanation.

B. Highway Commissioner's Report - John Shoemaker –Commissioner – The last two snow events were handled successfully by Township personnel. A guard rail at Oak and Deerpath was damaged by a private vehicle. Private driver insurance is covering the damage. Supervisor Shoemaker attended a meeting with the City of Aurora, North Aurora and the Illinois State Tollway Authority in regards to improvements to the bridges over Interstate 88 at on Mitchell Road and also at Farnsworth Avenue. There will be a new guard rail installed by the City of Aurora at Crane and Liberty, with the help of Alderman Hart-Burns at The City of Aurora. The Walkability Plan was reviewed with the board in regards to improving crosswalks, sidewalks and possibility of a three-way stop at Crane and Indian. Trustee Wells and Clerk Christy thanked Commissioner Shoemaker and his staff for the informational guided tour of the Township road facility.

C. Supervisor Report – Supervisor Bill Catching discussed the Ride in Kane Program with the possibility, after discussion with the Aurora Mayor, of a partnership in this project. As required by law, the 2013 tax levy was published in local media showing a 7.87% increase which includes a 1.7% Cost of Living increase plus the additional taxes from new construction and the expiration of the Aurora 2 TIF district. Also Supervisor Catching announced that the Salvation Army is partnering with the Township in a workfare program for our General Assistance clients. Supervisor Catching talked about the side walk program at Eastern and Liberty. This could be done by a legislative change approved from a 2006 State grant for \$25,000, originally meant for the Ogden Gardens water system. The county Sheriff's department informed Supervisor Catching that the building at 313 South Farnsworth will not be used in the future as a Sheriff's sub-station. This is a piece of property that is owned by the Township and will now be maintained completely by the Township. There will be discussion about the potential use in the future. Catching reminded the board that filing of economic interest statement will be coming due in January.

D. Code Enforcement Officer's Report - Hector Benavides will file a report at the next meeting.

E. Ride in Kane Manager's Report – Supervisor Catching reported that postcards have been sent out to users of this program notifying them of the rate increase from \$3 to \$4 per ride effective January 1st. So far he has received a few responses. He is waiting for more responses. He may have a follow up letter. He is also thinking of possibility of an Advisory council made up of the users of this program.

F. Youth Services Director's Report – by Scot Thurman – There is an on-going toy drive at the Youth center. Staff and volunteers from the Township will staff the Festival of Lights at Phillips Park on Dec. 21st and 22nd between 5 – 9 p.m. They will be collecting donations on behalf of the Rotary Club Foundation after residents view the Festival of Lights. Soccer is up and running successfully. A new gym divider will be installed December 20th. It will be red and blue. There is also a new pool table bought from a grant from the Rotary Foundation. The Township Youth center will be closed the 23rd of Dec. through the 25th, and also the 30th of Dec. through Jan.1st. We are looking for possible grants from Kiwanis and Merrill Ream. The cheerleading and art appreciation programs are on-going with the help of interns from Aurora University. We are looking forward to receiving, very shortly, two new interns and possibly 2 additional interns in the spring from Aurora University. We are still in need of Youth Center drivers.

V. – UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

VI. – NEW BUSINESS:

A. – Approval of Resolution 2013-19 Aurora Township Board of Trustees 2014 Meeting Schedule. On a motion by Supervisor Catching, Seconded by Trustee Juanita Wells, the 2014 meeting schedule was passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

B. – Approval of Ordinance 2013-20 Aurora Township Road District 2013 Tax Levy. On a motion by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee David Moore, was passed by a roll call vote by the Board of Trustees. The following Trustees voted AYE –Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Juanita Wells. Trustee Juan Reyna- absent and Supervisor Catching also voted AYE. Ordinance was passed.

C. - Approval of PACE Dial-A-RIDE Local Share Agreement for 2014: On a motion by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Dolores Hicks, to give Supervisor Catching authorization to Sign the Pace Dial –a-ride agreement was passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

VII. -PUBLIC COMMENTS - Eva Rodgers complimented the Aurora Township Board on how well they are working together in all aspects for the betterment of the Township. Trustee Juanita Wells attended the meeting on aging and disability in St. Charles on December 10th. She commented on the A.I.D. referendum and stated that she felt it needs to be passed. She also commented on the excellence of the program given.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

A. On Saturday, December 14th, at the 3RD Ward Club – there will be a senior dinner at 11 a.m.

There will also be an earlier distribution of meals and gifts to seniors who cannot attend this event.

B. On Friday Dec. 20th, at the Senior Center, 900 North Lake Street, at noon there will be a holiday luncheon.

C. There will be a public hearing on the Town Fund tax levy at 4 p.m. Monday Dec. 16th, 2013, followed by a special board meeting at 4:30 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – MOTION TO ADJOURN - by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Wells at 5:12 p.m.

NEXT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013 at 4:00 – PUBLIC HEARING – followed by a Special Board meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Next REGULAR BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, December 26TH, 2013 - 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Il. 4:00 p.m.

RESPECTIFULLY SUBMITTED,

**KEN CHRISTY
Aurora Township Clerk**

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
ATTENDANCE - SIGN-IN

MEETING DATE: 12-12-2013

NAME	ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS	PHONE
R. Rodger	CITIZEN	510 N. View	
Patricia Richardson	AT Staff		



Aurora Township Assessor

Davis R. Offutt

Certified Illinois Assessing Officer - Master #20
State Certified General Real Estate Appraiser #553.000892



TO: Aurora Township Board

RE: Assessor Report

DATE: December 12, 2013

Nov 26-Dec 11, 2013

Permits processed: 274

Sales processed: 85

Divisions: 0

Parcel Count: 39,382

The first of the 501 parcels that were filed with the Kane County Board of Review began December 5th and will run through January 29, 2014. All Board of Review hearings are open meetings and are available to the public if anyone chooses to attend.

The bills presented for approval represent the typical expenses incurred during the general operations of the Assessor's Office.

As always, I will make myself available to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Davis Offutt
Aurora Township Assessor