

Aurora Township

Board of Trustees Meeting

Main Offices, 80 North Broadway

Aurora, IL.

Date: Thursday, October 24, 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, IL, at 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 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 Deputy Clerk Jason Owens, called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching – Supervisor; Trustees: Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Juan Reyna and Juanita Wells.

Clerk Ken Christy – Excused Absence

Assessor Davis Offutt – Present.

Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker – Present.

Staff and Public present – see attached.

- II. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on October 10, 2013, made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

- a. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the Town bills in the amount of **\$91,082.57**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve the Road District bills in the amount of **\$23,792.28**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the General Assistance bills in the amount of **\$3,774.46**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve the combined IMRF and Road and Bridge IMRF bills in the amount of **\$10,599.30**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the combined Social Security and Road and Bridge Social Security bills in the amount of **\$5,520.34**. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Reports

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Davis Offutt. Report attached. Summary: As of today, there are 398 Kane County Board of Review filings for Aurora Township. Last year there were nearly 800. Hearings begin in December. Trustee Reyna complimented Mark Armstrong for getting information out to the public which he believes helps reduce the number of review filings.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – John Shoemaker: Brush pickup has the largest number of registrations since the program was reinstated (over 500 parcels). This combined with large piles and the high incidents of Emerald Ash Borer in the township has slowed down the collection process and may cause the program to run into a second week. Highway Department open house for Trustees will be held on Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at 1030 a.m. Trustee Wells commented that the increased registrations were likely due to more signs announcing the brush pickup program.
- c. **Supervisor's Report** – Bill Catching. Township will be providing Viet Nam Moving Wall transportation services on Friday through Monday (November 8-11, 2013). The Moving Wall is expected to draw over 300,000 people. Postcards will be being sent to RIK registrants (2404 riders) to inform them of the \$1 rate increase (\$3 to \$4) effective January 1, 2014. Supervisor will meet with Aurora Mayor Weisner and the director of IDOC Transitional Center to discuss RIK usage and possible contributions. Brian LeFevre from Sikich will present the audit results to the Board at the November 14 meeting. Newly redesigned website is up and running. A request from Blackberry Township was received to update the IGA for GA (hasn't been updated since 1997). Supervisor will work on updating the other IGAs for other townships including Sugar Grove, Kaneville

and Big Rock. Supervisor attended a meeting regarding the creation of a TIF district on Orchard Road in Montgomery and voted against its creation. Supervisor announced the discovery of leaks in the new roof at Youth Center, which are being addressed by contractor. Supervisor announced the Fall Festival at the Youth Center (flyer attached) and asked for everyone to attend.

- d. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report** – Hector Benavides. Report attached. Summary: Lawn mowing program for senior citizens is completed for the year. Mr. Benavides also commended his crew for their hard work.
- e. **General Assistance Report** – Suely Cabral. Report attached. Summary: September had 22 active cases. Ms. Cabral is looking to coordinate with Aurora to reinstate a workfare aspect of GA. Announced that the Bean Bag Competition was won by a 95 year old participant. November 22 is the annual Pie Auction (\$26 pre-entry fee). December 20 is a White Elephant gift exchange.

V. Unfinished Business – None

VI. New Business

- a. **Appointment of new Township Attorney** – Resolution attached. Supervisor Catching presented the Board with **Aurora Township Resolution No. 2013-17**, in which he nominates Paul T. Patricoski of the Aurora-based law firm Dreyer, Foote, Streit, Furgason and Slocum, P.A to the position of Township Attorney. During discussion, Supervisor Catching thanked the previous Township Attorney, Edwin Trinta, for his service and described the need for a firm specializing in liens as a contributing factor in his recommendation of Mr. Patricoski and his firm. Trustee Wells asked that, in the future, the Board be given more time to conduct their own research into these types of recommendations. Trustee Hicks commented that the Board should trust Supervisor Catching's choice and the need to act with a sense of urgency in this matter. Trustee Moore asked for clarification on the attorney fees. Trustee Reyna noted that the potential for a conflict of interest with regard to Mr. Patricoski's role as a member of the Aurora Township Youth Commission could be alleviated if Mr. Patricoski abstains from any votes that might cause a conflict to arise. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to pass **Resolution No. 2013-17** which appoints Paul Patricoski as the new Township Attorney. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- b. **CDAP Consulting Agreement** – Resolution attached. Supervisor Catching presented the Board with **Aurora Township Resolution No. 2013-18**, in which Darien Consulting Associates is authorized to conduct a feasibility study on the CDAP program on behalf of the Board. Supervisor Catching summarized the intent of the study as an attempt to determine whether the CDAP program, with all of the restrictions in place, is a viable program for Aurora Township to participate in for the future. Supervisor Catching further summarized the CDAP program (\$2 million revolving loan fund with second lien

position that can be used for local economic development, Board sets the interest rate and can use the monies for other township programs) and the challenges inherent in the program (restrictive lending guidelines). The study will canvass local bankers and not exceed \$2500 in consulting fees. Trustee Reyna confirmed that the \$2500 is a cap on fees. Trustee Moore reiterated that the interest from current loans can be used to pay for the consulting fee. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to pass **Resolution No. 2013-18** which authorizes the CDAP feasibility study. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

VII. Public Comments

- a. Peggy Hicks offered congratulations to Paul Patricoski as the newly appointed Township Attorney. Ms. Hicks also commended Supervisor Catching for moving quickly with the nomination.
- b. Delia Gomez asked for clarification on the CDAP program, particularly which entity takes a hit on a bad loan. Supervisor Catching reiterated some program guidelines and noted that the state law prohibits the funds from being in an interest bearing account. Supervisor Catching also said that the fund itself is responsible for bad loans and not the Township coffers.
- c. Bobbie Cannon thanked Hector Benavides and the Board for the lawn mowing program – particularly the extra mowing session in October.
- d. Eva Rodgers thanked the Board for their efforts and suggested that she feels that she can trust the Board with her tax dollars. Ms. Rodgers also praised Suely Cabral's pie making skills and mentioned that one of Ms. Cabral's pies sold for \$400 at last year's pie auction.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Fall Festival at the Youth Center on Friday, October 25, 2013 from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- b. Senior Citizen Meeting on Friday, October 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Discussing the ACA.
- c. A movie is being shot in and around Aurora Township. Beacon News has details.

- IX. Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote at 4:54 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Owens, Aurora Township Deputy Clerk

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
ATTENDANCE - SIGN-IN

MEETING DATE: 10-24-2013

NAME	ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS	PHONE
Eva Rodgers	Citizen	510 N. View	630-330-1650
Bobbie Cannon	Senior	647 No. May St	630-892-4902
PAUL PATRICKOSKI	CITIZEN	685 AUDREY AVE	630 897 3377
Reggy Hicks	FU @ MIA	822 N. Lake	682
Ada Clark	Senior	891 Richard St	630-244-6228
DELIA GOMEZ	TAXPAYER	1342 WALNUT RIDGE MONTGOMERY FL	630-906-0525



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: October 24, 2013

Oct 10-Oct 23, 2013

Permits processed: 142

Sales processed: 79

Divisions: 1

Parcel Count: 39,382

As of today they are 398 Kane County Board of Review filings for Aurora Township.

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