

Aurora Township

Board of Trustees Meeting

Main Offices, 80 North Broadway

Aurora, IL.

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2014

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, June 12, 2014. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by state statute.

Aurora Township Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4 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 and Juan Reyna. Trustees absent – Juanita Wells – excused absence.

Clerk Ken Christy – Excused Absence

Assessor Davis Offutt – Present.

Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker – Excused Absence.

Staff and Public present – see attached.

- II. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on May 29, 2014 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- III. Motion to approve the minutes of the public hearing of May 29, 2014 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion carried by unanimous 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 **\$48,572.85**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Road & Bridge bills in the amount of **\$6,165.90**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve the General Assistance bills in the amount of **\$2,268.62**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the Mental Health bills in the amount of **\$125,343.38**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the combined IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF bills in the amount of **\$10,760.68**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- f. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the combined Social Security and Road & Bridge Social Security bills in the amount of **\$5,176.32**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. Reports

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Davis Offutt. Report attached. Summary: Assessor Offutt reported that the review process for the 2014 assessment year is approximately 88% complete.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – Jason Owens. Summary: Spring/Summer is garbage collection time. The ATHD dispatched crews to pick up garbage from the ROW on two separate occasions this past week. ATHD anticipates completing the first round of mowing by the middle of June.
- c. **Supervisor's Report** – Bill Catching. Summary: Supervisor Catching announced that the Township has received an electrical aggregation proposal from Direct Energy which, while higher than the previous proposal, represents a discount to the regular ComEd price. The savings is anticipated to be approximately \$63 per year for the average residential household). The new proposal is for three years and offers a free opt out at any point during the contract. Letters will be sent to all impacted residents and small businesses eligible.
- d. **Ride In Kane Department Manager's Report** – Melissa Franks. Report attached. Summary: Ms. Franks reported that the recent PACE inspection was a success and thanked Mark Semmler for his efforts making sure that the vehicles were in the best shape possible. Ms. Franks also clarified that the 1700 rides listed in the recent Beacon-News article about RIK service changes misrepresented the actual number of rides RIK administers per month. Ms. Franks said the total number of rides RIK provides per month is between 2300-2500 per month (1700 AT provided rides plus 600-800

additional rides AT sponsors). Finally, Ms. Franks mentioned that they continue to work their way through the RIK waiting list (currently 40 residents on the list) and that many of the new riders are signing up for subscription rides (regularly scheduled monthly rides).

- e. **Youth Director's Report** – Scot Thurman. Report attached. Summary: Mr. Thurman reported that the Summer Camp will be starting soon and that with the help of a State of Illinois grant, the Summer Camp was able to double the camp staff to 22 from the previous year. There were 30 kids that signed up last summer and they already have at least 30 kids signed up now and they anticipate another 30+ kids to sign up. Mr. Thurman also mentioned that the basketball and soccer programs continue to progress.

VI. Unfinished Business

None.

VII. New Business

- a. **Resolution 2014-13, Authorizing the Supervisor to Enter Into an Agreement with the Association for Individual Development** – Summary: Supervisor Catching discussed the Ride In Kane (RIK) program and the recent newspaper article exploring some senior citizens' displeasure with the planned program changes. Residents from the Alden senior living center, whom Catching met with on Wednesday, June 11, are particularly affected by the boundary change because they live on the far southeastern edge of the township. Supervisor Catching explained how the RIK program works, how it is funded and how previous administrations failed to address the ballooning costs of the program (\$250,000 four years ago to more than \$600,000 last year). Catching also explained the Township had made budgetary cuts (including staff reductions in other areas) to preserve as much of the RIK service as possible. Trustee Reyna said the Township had asked for money from the City of Aurora (which currently contributes no funds for the RIK service provided to their residents) and additional money from Kane County. To date, the City of Aurora has refused to contribute any funds. Kane County wouldn't commit any additional funding beyond their \$100,000. Supervisor Catching said he may be able to adjust the boundary limitations for individual cases, but the old model is not sustainable moving forward. Catching also thanked 7th Ward Alderwoman Scheketa Hart-Burns for her efforts in setting up the meeting with the Alden seniors and for her lobbying efforts with Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner. Catching opened the meeting up to questions and comments from the attendees.
 - i. Resident Carol Johnson expressed her concern that the seniors seem to always suffer when it comes to budget and service cuts. Ms. Johnson asked why the dispatching wasn't moved to Aurora Township rather than staying with PACE. Supervisor Catching replied that we would prefer to do all scheduling and

dispatching but to do so the Township would have to leave the RIK program. That would eliminate PACE's contributions and two federal grants, which subsidize approximately half of the Township's rides.

- ii. Katie Tessmer, Social Services Coordinator of Greencastle of North Aurora, reiterated that the new boundary restrictions seemed to make little sense. Ms. Tessmer also suggested that the vehicles dispatched to the Greencastle facility be more in line with the service requested (send a taxi for a single rider vs a bus). Ms. Tessmer thanked the Board for the service and commended the drivers for the great work they do.

Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to adopt the resolution authorizing the Supervisor to Enter Into an Agreement with the Association for Individual Development as outlined. (Attached.) Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- b. **Resolution 2014-14, Intergovernmental Agreement Between Sugar Grove Township and Aurora Township for Senior & Disabled Transportation Services** - Supervisor Catching explained that the supervisor for Sugar Grove Township contacted him about Aurora Township administering and providing senior and disabled transportation services to the residents of Sugar Grove Township. Aurora Township would schedule and dispatch for the program and Sugar Grove Township would pay \$75 per hour for these rides and also provide Aurora Township the use of a bus barn. Catching explained that all of Aurora Township's expenses for providing this service would be covered by the hourly rate agreed upon and that this idea came about after Sugar Grove Township dropped out of RIK due to budgetary constraints.

Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement Between Sugar Grove Township and Aurora Township for Senior & Disabled Transportation Services as outlined. (Attached.) Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- c. **Resolution 2014-15, Grant Funding for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year** – Supervisor Catching explained that the Aurora Township had dropped out of the Funding Consortium and had previously provided grants totaling approximately \$50,000 per year to area non-profits. In an effort to honor Aurora Township's long history of supporting seniors, it was decided to provide grants in the amount of \$15,000 to Senior Service Associates Inc and \$5,000 to Rebuilding Together Aurora which operates a "Safe At Home" program for seniors.

Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to adopt the resolution for Grant Funding for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$15,000 to Senior Services Associates, Inc. and \$5,000 to Rebuilding Together Aurora . (Attached.) Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- d. **Resolution 2014-2016, Personal Property Replacement Tax** – Supervisor Catching explained the Road District will receive approximately \$220,800 in Personal Property Replacement funds. Per State of Illinois statute, the Road district will be allowed to keep 54% of the allocation, with the remaining funds proportionately allocated to the municipalities located in Aurora Township.

Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to adopt the resolution authorizing the payment of Personal Property Replacement tax proceeds as outlined. (Attached.) Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Public Comments

- a. Carol Johnson, resident, asked if the Township has considered holding fundraisers to help fund the senior transportation program (RIK). Supervisor Catching responded that past fundraisers for our youth and senior foundation have netted several thousand dollars, but the RIK program costs \$1.1 million each year and would have little impact.
- b. Ricky Rodgers, Executive Director of African American Men of Unity, asked the Township Board to donate \$1,000, or whatever sum they felt they could, to help fund his organization's summer basketball program. Supervisor Catching asked Mr. Rodgers to submit a written request for funding to the foundation so that the Board could consider the request.
- c. Ricky Rodgers also presented information about his organization, the African American Men of Unity. Mr. Rodgers handed out literature and explained the growth in participation year over year, some of the programs offered (including the Rite of Passage) and the demographic breakdown of the youth that AAMOU mentors.

IX. Announcements

- a. Trustee Hicks announced several upcoming events:
 - i. 6/14 (10am-2pm), Aurora Green Fest at Prisco Community Center on Illinois Avenue.
 - ii. 6/16 (10am-Noon), Senior Health Fair at the Senior Center on Lake St.
 - iii. 6/23 (4:30pm-7pm) Youth and Senior Center Fundraiser with Fay's BBQ at the Youth/Senior Center on Gale St (tickets are 1 for \$13 or 2 for \$25).
- b. Ricky Rodgers announced the Juneteenth Celebration which will take place on June 14 at MLK Park on Farnsworth Ave from 3:30pm to 7:30pm. The celebration honors the freeing of the last slaves via the Emancipation Proclamation.

- X. **Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Owens
Aurora Township Deputy Clerk



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: June 12, 2014

May 29-Jun 11, 2014

Permits processed: 193 / Year to Date: 1154
Sales processed: 82 / Year to Date: 742
Divisions: 0 / Year to Date: 0
Parcel Count: 39,420

We are approximately 88.64% through the reviewing and/or revaluing Aurora Township properties for 2014 payable 2015.

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

**Aggregate Assessed Value According to Property Class
Aurora - 15 2014**

Property Class	Aggregate Assessed Value	Parcel Count
0011 Farm Land with Buildings	\$1,639,894	27
0021 Farm Land without Buildings	\$543,712	169
0030 Residential Vacant Land	\$4,136,712	1,940
0032 Residential Developers Relief 10-30	\$134,968	225
0040 Residential	\$1,074,575,506	32,083
0050 Comm Res More than 6 Units	\$71,013,668	220
0060 Commercial	\$256,536,290	1,989
0062 Commercial Developers Relief 10-30	\$274,187	51
0070 Commercial Office	\$14,061,793	35
0072 Comm Office Developers Relief 10-30	\$50,599	12
0080 Industrial	\$239,258,833	946
0082 Industrial Developers Relief 10-30	\$246,679	18
8000 Exempt	\$1,000	1,592
8040 Residential Partial Exempt	\$72,596	2
8060 Commercial Partial Exempt	\$233,953	6
8070 Comm Office Partial Exempt	\$75,386	1
8080 Industrial Partial Exempt	\$2,178	1
8260 Commercial Leasehold	\$2,482,602	1
9000 Railroad	\$0	102
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