

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

4 p.m. Thursday, August 14, 2014

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, August 14, 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 4:00 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 and Juan Reyna.

Assessor – Davis Offutt –Excused Absence
Highway Commissioner – John Shoemaker --Present
Staff & Public present – as attached.

II. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 24th, 2014, made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee David Moore. Motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote.

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

A. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Dolores Hicks, to approve the Town Bills in the amount of \$111,301.98. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells, to approve Road District bills in the amount of \$27,430.51. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve General Assistance bills in the amount of \$6,915.39. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. Motion made by Supervisor Catching to pay IMRF AND R&B IMRF bills in the amount of \$21,286.33. Seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Combined motion by Supervisor Catching to approve SOCIAL SECURITY and R&B SOCIAL SECURITY bills of \$12,228.58. Seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

- A. Assessor's Report - Written report submitted by Davis Offutt - Attached – Summary: 2014 re-valuation is complete. The books have been submitted to the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments office. In about three weeks, the County will apply an equalization factor to the Aurora Township parcels.
- B. Highway Commissioner's Report - John Shoemaker – The road district is purchasing a new spreader box at a cost of \$1,200.00 which will help in repairing the shoulders of Township roads. The new box – invented by another Township Road Commissioner from Illinois - will result in a reduction in labor costs. The second round of mowing has begun. The Township landscaping is ongoing. Road Commissioner Shoemaker is looking into a computerized asset management program. This program will insure that we are legal in up to date on all road signs and by videotaping each street in the Township which will result in a GPS program that will give us a visual of all Township streets and signs. This will also result in reduction of labor costs. He also stated that electric service to several street lights in the Township have never been mapped. Shoemaker also updated the board on the construction schedule for the Mitchell and Church road bridges over Interstate 88. Mitchell will re-open over the weekend and Church will be closed on Monday August 18 for the fall.
- C. Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Bill Catching - Supervisor Catching reported that he and many seniors attended the Illinois State Fair as part of a field trip. He also thanked the board for their participation at our National Night Out event.

Referring to the Township Foundation, Catching reported that the Township's portion of the TRIAD picnic cost was reduced from \$800 to \$177.50 due to many sponsors. The Township parking lot was closed recently because of construction at Hollywood Casino. The casino has agreed to fund a township project for the use of the parking lot. Catching and Mr. Thurman collected \$430 for use of the Township parking lot for the recent Lady Antebellum event at RiverEdge Park.

An IRS agent visited the township recently in regards to a \$5,000 penalty for late payment of withholding taxes which occurred in early 2013 under the previous administration. IRS officials have indicated this week that the fine would probably be waived but has not indicated if the will waive approximately \$1,000 in interest charges.

Supervisor Catching reported that he has been appointed to the steering committee of a feasibility study of the Ride in Kane program. Supervisor Catching has met with Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner in regards to partnering up with the Ride-In-Kane Program but the city has been non-committal. The vast majority of riders in the program are City of Aurora residents. Catching will report on the progress of this partnership moving forward.

- D. Ride-In-Kane Manager's Report - by Melissa Franks – Miss Franks reported that the Senior Fair at the Prisco Community Center was well attended and many people were interested in the Ride-In-Kane program. The agreement with Sugar Grove Township in regards to participation to our Ride-In-Kane program is being finalized. A magnetic broom at a cost of \$32 was purchased to clean up metal objects in the parking lot at the bus barn. This has resulted in picking up a lot of debris that could puncture bus tires.

New PACE buses are on the way to replace our current buses. The new buses will be smaller in capacity but are larger in size. The new fleet will save us in fuel costs because the buses use regular gasoline rather than diesel. They will also likely require less maintenance because they are brand new.

The ridership continues to trending up. In response to a question from Trustee Wells, Franks explained our wheelchair policy. We provide curb-to-curb service. PACE policy is that drivers are not allowed to pull into the driveways because of liability issues. If a rider needs assistance to get from the door to a bus, they must have a helper with them. Our own drivers often offer extra assistance, but we cannot require the other providers whom we fund to do so.

- E. Youth Services Director's Report – Written report submitted by Scot Thurman – Report attached. The board discussed the updated fee structure for the youth center. It was further discussed that in some instances scholarships may be available to certain individuals based on need.

We are looking into the possibility of getting a marketing intern through Aurora University.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS – NONE

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A discussion was held in regards to tree trimming as to the responsibility of the Township and or the property owner.

Miss Cannon commented on whenever she gets a chance she tells about the great programs offered by the Township. She further stated she enjoys the Township meetings.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

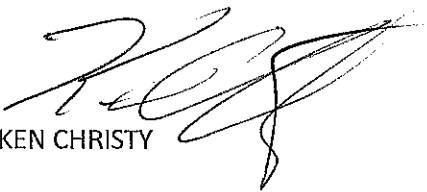
- A. Trustee Hicks announced that line dancing will resume for Seniors at 11 a.m. Monday August 18 at the Youth Center.
- B. Trustee Wells handed out a flyer in regards to the 6th Annual LaSalle Street Auto Show which will be held on Sunday August 24. The event starts at 9 a.m.

C. Trustee Reyna reported that the Aurora Stars baseball team was invited to play in a tournament in Cooperstown, New York. They were placed in the highest bracket out of 50 teams, and they finished second. CONGRATULATIONS!

IX. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Hicks, at 4:57 p.m. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, AUGUST 28th, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. Aurora Township Office – 80 North Broadway, Aurora, IL.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Christy', written over the printed name.

KEN CHRISTY

Aurora Township Clerk

