

Aurora Township

Board of Trustees Meeting

Main Offices, 80 North Broadway

Aurora, IL.

Date: Thursday, October 9, 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, October 9, 2014. 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 Dolores 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, Juanita Wells and Juan Reyna.

Clerk Ken Christy, Assessor Davis Offutt, 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 September 25, 2014 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 Moore to approve the Town bills in the amount of **\$90,246.65**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve the Road and Bridge bills in the amount of **\$10,843.04**. 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 **\$4,094.83**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the combined IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF bills in the amount of **\$11,520.12**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve the combined Social Security and Road & Bridge Social Security bills in the amount of **\$5,346.86**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Reports

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Report attached. Summary: Assessor Offutt reported that there are approximately 300 Board of Review filings for the township. The assessor and staff are preparing for these upcoming hearings.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – Jason Owens. Summary: Brush pick up is coming the week of October 21. The season's last stretch of street patching and landscaping is continuing. The shoulder of S. Union (South of Montgomery Road) was widened (asphalt to be laid at a later date) to help alleviate the road crowding issue.
- c. **Supervisor's Report** – Bill Catching. Articles attached. Summary: Supervisor Catching reported that the rehab of the former sheriff's substation on S. Farnsworth is mostly complete and the property should be listed soon. Catching also reported that Crain's Chicago's Business published his letter to the editor in response to a column from Marc Lane, an advocate for township abolishment. (See attached.) Supervisor Catching also circulated a Beacon-News article from December 1979 pertaining to the Dial-A-Ride program, which provides a historical perspective to the Ride In Kane program issues.
- d. **Ride In Kane Department Manager's Report** – Melissa Franks. Report attached. Summary: Ms. Franks reported that the new fleet of RIK buses will be put into circulation as soon as the required preparations are made. The new buses are slightly bigger and better able to handle the riders' variety of mobility challenges than the old buses. In response to Trustee Reyna's question, Ms. Franks said that the old buses need to be reconditioned before being turned back to PACE. This reconditioning may take until the middle of November. Ms. Franks also reported that enrollment is newly opened and that the last of the residents on the waiting list are being contacted. Ms. Franks also reported that 14 new clients were added in October.

- e. **Youth Director's Report** – Scot Thurman. Report attached. Summary: Mr. Thurman reported that he had submitted three grant applications to local organizations to help fund the purchase of a new ID system at the Youth Center. Mr. Thurman also reported that the ATYC's Snack Program has been approved pending a fire inspection. Target provided a \$2,000 grant toward the purchase of new computers. Mr. Thurman stated that the ATYC's new cash handling procedure has been implemented and is "going very well." 181 community service hours for 12 youth were completed, with six youth completely meeting their service hour requirements. The After School Program has approximately 200 students participating. The soccer and basketball programs are undergoing improvements (new coaches and new leagues). Mr. Thurman finished his report by saying that almost all of the ATYC staff's performance appraisals are complete. Trustee Reyna asked that Mr. Thurman provide total participation numbers for students and seniors across all ATYC programs. Trustee Wells asked for possible dates in March 2015 for her proposed Youth Financial Workshop. Trustee Moore commended the center's new cash procedures as extra cash on hand is a security and safety risk.

V. Unfinished Business

None.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Public Comments

Bobbie Cannon, resident, thanked the Board for the senior lawn mowing program and presented Supervisor Catching a list of the dates that her lawn was mowed.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Trustee Reyna announced a "Boxing for Scholarships" fundraiser presented by the National Latino Peace Officers Association on November 16, 2014 from 2:00pm to 7:00pm at East Aurora High School. Tickets are \$20 at the door to watch local boxers compete. Several local celebrities and officials – including Trustee Reyna vs. Alderman Richard Irvin - will be showcased after the main event is completed. Last year, this event raised \$25,000 for local scholarships.
- b. Trustee Moore attended the last 708 Board meeting on September 29, 2014 and reported that the 708 Board is pleased and thankful for the support of Aurora Township.

- IX. Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote at 4:56 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois.

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: October 09, 2014

Sep 25-Oct 08, 2014

Permits processed: 533 / Year to Date: 16,210

Sales processed: 96 / Year to Date: 1,478

Divisions: 2 / Year to Date: 94

Parcel Count: 39,400

As of this date there appears to be just under 300 Board of Review filings and the Assessor Staff has been preparing for our response to them. Property owners or their representatives have filed on Overvaluation, Equity or both.

The Progress Report at the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments can be viewed at their website:

<http://www.kanecountyassessments.org/ProgressReport.html>

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