

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

**DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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, Illinois, at 4 p.m. on Thursday November 13, 2014. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by statute.

Aurora Township Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Catching 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, Juan Reyna, Juanita Wells, and David Moore

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 of Oct. 23, 2014, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

A. Motion made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Hicks, to approve the Town Bills in the amount of \$49,211.56. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Motion made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Reyna, to approve Road District Bills in the amount of \$366,293.78. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve General Assistance bills in the amount of \$2,942.90. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. Motion made by Supervisor Catching to pay IMRF and Road and Bridge IMRF bills in the amount of \$11,300.27. Seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Combined motion by Supervisor Catching to approve SOCIAL SECURITY and R&B SOCIAL SECURITY bills in the amount of \$5,411.40. Seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **IV. REPORTS**

**A. Assessor's Report** - by Davis Offutt – Report Attached – Summary –There are 293 Board of Review filings with hearings beginning December 9<sup>th</sup>. The replacement computers will be installed this coming Saturday. The Progress Report at the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments can be viewed at their website. <http://www.kanecountyassessments.org/ProgressReport.html>

**B. Highway Commissioner's Report** - by John Shoemaker - Lee subdivision (near Jericho and Orchard roads) was repaved in 2006-2007. It is now in terrible condition and must be redone. Repaving will be done next week to bring the roads back into good condition and additional work will be done in the spring of 2015. Trustee Wells commented on the street lights on Crane Avenue. That is the city's responsibility as well as parking restrictions.

**C Supervisor's Report** – By Bill Catching - Supervisor Catching informed the Board that he turned down the offer by the City to take over the old Aurora Public Library building. We have had three offers on the property on Farnsworth. Will report back to the Board at the next meeting on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>., as to status.

**D. Ride In Kane Manager's Report** – by Melissa Wilmot- 1.) She reported that the new busses have arrived. They are 11 passenger rather than the old buses which were 15 passenger. Also reported that there are some safety issues in regards to securing wheel chairs. They are looking into a solution.. 2.) Mark Semmler has been working on getting the old busses to pass inspection before returning them to PACE . 3. The old buses are being stored at a garage on Aucutt Road. Rent is on a per bus charge. 4.) We are switching our pre-employment medical testing from Dreyer to Cadence. Cost is about the same, but we have had some communication problems with Dreyer recently.

**E. Youth Services Director's Report** – by Scot Thurman. His report is attached. In summary, Scot brought the board up to speed on the progress at the Youth center, such as number of participants in our programs. He also reviewed the Soccer, Basketball and Senior activities. He is 99% done with performance appraisals of employees . The 2014 Youth Jobs Corps is being simplified to the State of Illinois, and he is awaiting the results of grant applications.

#### **V – UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE**

**VI – NEW BUSINESS** - Supervisor Catching and Chief of Staff Patricia Richardson presented the Tentative budget and the tax levy request for 2015-16. The proposed budget was thoroughly discussed by all members of the Board in regards to budget and capital expenditures for the fiscal year 2015-2016. Commissioner Shoemaker also presented his proposed levy and will have a budget proposal the first week of April.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE**

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** - 1.) Trustee Wells thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Township Officials of Illinois conference earlier this week in Springfield. Trustee Reyna and Patricia Richardson attended. Trustee Wells gave a very complete report on the many workshops that she attended. She felt they expanded her information on Township government. 2.) On November 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a dinner and pie auction at the Fox Valley Country Club . The Township has purchased a table. 3.) Trustee Reyna will be participating in a boxing event at East Aurora High School on November 16<sup>th</sup>. He will be one of the exhibition boxers against Alderman Richard Irvin. The event will fund scholarships to students. Tickets are \$15 now or \$20 at the door. 4.) Supervisor Catching reported that he is attending the Quarterly meetings of Township supervisors. 5.) Road Commissioner Shoemaker explained to the Board the proper uses of expenditures in regards to the distribution of monies from motor fuel tax fund.

**IX – ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to Adjourn by Trustee Juan Reyna at 5:01 p.m. Seconded By Supervisor Catching. Motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

**Next meeting: 4 p.m. Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**Ken Christy  
Aurora Township Clerk**