

AURORA TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MAIN OFFICES - 80 NORTH BROADWAY, AURORA, IL

4 p.m. February 12, 2015

- 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, February 12, 2015. 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 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Dolores Hicks gave the Invocation.

Aurora Township Clerk Ken Christy called the roll with the following Board members present: Supervisor Bill Catching, Trustees Juanita Wells, David Moore, Dolores Hicks, and Juan Reyna. Also present was Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker. Assessor Davis Offutt was excused absent. Staff & Public present – as attached.

- II. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 22, 2015 was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. The motion passed 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 Moore to approve the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 79,911.06. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
 - B. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$ 22,727.33. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
 - C. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$ 6,394.37. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
 - D. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Building and Equipment Fund bills in the amount of \$ 954.57. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
 - E. Combined motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to pay IMRF AND R&B IMRF bills in the amount of \$ 22,472.71. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
 - F. Combined motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve SOCIAL SECURITY and R&B SOCIAL SECURITY Fund bills in the amount of \$ 10,741.77. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

- A. Assessor's Report - Assessor Offutt's report attached. In summary, the 2014 Kane County Board of Review findings have been entered into the Assessor's office assessment software. The 2015 assessment year is now ready for review.
- B. Highway Commissioner's Report - Highway Commissioner Shoemaker reported on equipment repairs and the recent delivery of salt was not of good quality. Snow removal was handled with great efficiency by his crew with many compliments from Township residents.
- C. Supervisor Report - Supervisor Catching reported the following: The YMCA building is in foreclosure. He is looking at how we can keep access to the adjoining baseball and soccer field. There will be a memorial service to honor Jennings Terrace Executive Director David F. Scarpetta at 2 p.m. February 13th at Jennings Terrace. He gave a brief update on CDAP application for funding of the Gravity Building project.
- D. Ride in Kane Manager's Report - by Melissa Wilmot - Ridership report attached. In summary, winter ridership has been down due to weather. Maintenance on old buses continues. When all buses are finished and inspected by PACE staff, they will be returned to Pace. Modifications are on-going on new buses to accommodate additional wheelchair accessibility. The lower gas prices have resulted in great savings. Trustee Moore complimented the new Ride-In-Kane income expense analysis report for its transparency.
- E. Youth Services Director's Report - by Scot Thurman - Report Attached - Summary: Director Thurman updated the Board on the Soccer program, the Basketball program and the after school program. The Community service program is ongoing with great success. Aerobics and Senior activities are ongoing. Scott also reported on the meetings he has attended. The Youth center has received the following grants: \$7,816 was received from Kane County's Fit for Kids program. This grant will help to purchase various equipment. We also received 120 skateboards from a local business, and \$500 from an anonymous donor. The African American Men of Unity's Rites of Passage Program and the VNA Navigators Affordable Healthcare were events hosted at the Youth center. Black History Month events will be hosted at the Youth center throughout February.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2015-04 CDAP Loan Approval – Gravity Building: Motion to table item made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- B. Resolution 2015-05 Re-appointing Members of Aurora Township Youth Commission: Motion to approve was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Rigo Mendez commented on the ongoing problem of a trailer parked at 1720 Indian Ave. which he stated that it is an eye sore and unsafe for traffic. A discussion followed along with Kane County Lt. Eric Fisher of the Kane County Sheriff's Department, Supervisor Catching and Road Commissioner Shoemaker. Lt. Fisher said that the trailer was parked legally. Supervisor Catching and Road Commissioner John Shoemaker reported on the ongoing discussions regarding this trailer with the trailer's owner. The trailer owner has said that he would remove it but snow hindered its access. Highway Commissioner Shoemaker said he will help with additional snow removal in the public right of way. Catching and Shoemaker said they will see if the owner follows through with his promise to move the trailer.

B. Trustee Moore reported on attending the Mental Health board meeting, and he further discussed "The Living Room," a new program designed for adults with mental health problems.

C. Trustee Wells alerted the board of the an upcoming training session on March 20, 2015 for Township officials.

D. Peggy Hicks talked about several events planned for Black History Month. A flier with details is attached.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Trustee Hicks announced the Black History Event on February 27th at 11 a.m on Friday Feb. 27 at the Senior Services office in Aurora.

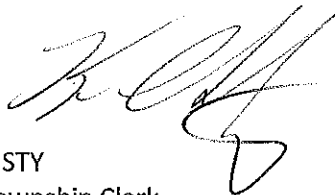
B. John Shoemaker reminded those in attendance to vote in Feb. 24 primary election.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Supervisor Catching made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Reyna, at 4:34 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Next Regular Board Meeting –Thursday, February 26th, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL

Respectfully Submitted,



KEN CHRISTY
Aurora Township Clerk