

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

DATE: March 12, 2015

Time: 4:00 P.M.

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, March 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 4:00 P.M. Supervisor Catching 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 of Trustees members present: Bill Catching, Supervisor, Trustees Juanita Wells, David Moore, Dolores Hicks, and Juan Reyna. Also present were Assessor Davis Offutt and Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker. Staff & Public present – as attached.

A moment of silence was held for the two students of Aurora Central Catholic High School who passed away this week.

II. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 26, 2015, made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by David Moore. The motion was carried by voice vote unanimously.

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

A. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Juanita Wells to approve the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 31,003.11. The motion was carried by voice vote unanimously.

B. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Juanita Wells to approve Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$ 22,711.83. The motion was carried by voice vote unanimously.

Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Dolores Hicks to approve General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$3,496.11. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

- D. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee David Moore to approve Building and Equipment Fund bills in the amount of \$2,905.95. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- E. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Juanita Wells to approve Joint Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$853.85. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- F. Combined motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Dolores Hicks to approve IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF Fund bills in the amount of \$10,788.50. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- G. Combined motion by Supervisor Catching to approve Social Security and Road and Bridge Social Security Fund bills in the amount of \$5,098.52. Seconded by Trustee Juan Reyna. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

- A. **Assessor's Report** - by Assessor Davis Offutt. His report is attached. In summary, the Assessor's office has begun the revalue process for all the Aurora Township parcels. All properties will receive the equalization notices for 2015. In the past three years, only properties that were revalued by the Assessor received these notices and were published in the local paper. Assessor Offutt also described the process of going paperless for assessments, the positives and the problems.
- B. **Highway Commissioner's Report** - by Commissioner John Shoemaker - Reported on the McClure road project to vacate roads and its compensation to the Township. A public meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. March 26th, 2015 at the Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Il., to discuss the process to vacate said roads. Commissioner Shoemaker further reported on the on-going pothole situation on Township roads.
- C. **Supervisor Report** – by Supervisor Bill Catching – Supervisor Catching reported on the following: The owner has removed the lime green trailer from Indian Avenue. Fay's BBQ fundraiser will be June 29th, at the Youth Center. We will be looking for more Sponsors. Maria Vazquez was appointed to fill the position on the County Board vacated by the death of her husband Jesse Vazquez. Supervisor Catching further reported on his recent meeting for Ride-In-Kane and the ongoing federal study that discussed possible changes and improvements.
- D. **Ride in Kane Manager's Report** - Written report by Melissa Wilmot: Melissa Wilmot was absent due to a death in the family. Our condolences go out to her. Ridership report attached. Supervisor Catching reported on the progress of Pace buses to be returned to Pace.
- E. **Youth Services Director's Report** - by Scot Thurman - Report Attached Summary: Report contained the following: Updates on participants numbers of users at the Youth Center in various programs. Youth Director Thurman also summarized and updated the following: Soccer, Basketball, After School Program, Community Service, Aerobics and Senior Service Programs. Youth Director Thurman also reported on the following meetings he attended and Events held at the Youth Center during Black History month. Also discussed was the following expanded pick up of Youth at various locations for participation in our Programs. Next

Tuesday, March 17th, there will be a meeting of the Youth Commission. Trustee Hicks discussed the expansion of senior programs at the Youth Center including line dancing. Director Thurman reported on a recent visit by Aurora Police to discuss if we had an open gym program, because of occurrences of violence at open gyms in the area. We do not have an open gym. Ours is a structured program.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2015-4 Intergovernmental Agreement with Aurora Township Road District for the Senior Mowing Services Supervisor Catching made a motion to table the resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Juan Reyna. Catching said he and Commissioner Shoemaker are still working out some details in the agreement.
- B. Resolution 2015-5 Resolution Authorizing the Aurora Township Highway Commissioner to Contract for Emergency Purchase of Jetter Equipment. Road Commissioner Shoemaker discussed the need for a new Jetter. Our Jetter was built in 1976. Commissioner Shoemaker outlined the various possibilities to resolve this situation Motion by Supervisor Catching Seconded by Trustee- Juanita Wells The resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. Resolution 2015-6 Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Seek Bids for New Flooring in the Youth Center Gymnasium – After a very lengthy discussion by Township Board and Youth Director Thurman, a motion was made and to seek bids on multipurpose flooring for the gym. Motion by: Supervisor Catching Seconded by Trustee: Dolores Hicks, The resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Peggy Hicks announced the following; On April 16th, from 11:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. at the Township Youth Center on Gale Street there will be a "STAND UP TO CANCER" Event. This Event will screen ladies of color for breast and cervical cancer. Trustee Wells talked about a program that is being developed to stop the violence in Aurora by local pastors and encouraged Township participation.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Trustee David Moore passed out flyers on an event at Main Baptist Church, 814 E. Galena Blvd, for Veterans Outreach program. This program is designed to help Veterans. Counselors and other Service providers will be there to assist participants.
- B. Annual Town meeting will be April 14th 2015 beginning at 6 p.m. at Aurora Township Youth and Community Center.
- C. The Kiwanis Club of Aurora will be hosting on Saturday April 11th, their annual event to clean up Indian Creek. Aurora Township will provide transportation.

Supervisor Catching made a motion, which was seconded by Trustee Moore, to go to Executive Session at 5:06 p.m. to discuss personnel. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

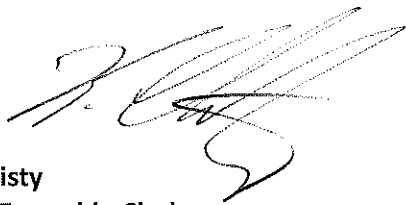
The board reconvened in open session at 5:19 p.m. Clerk Ken Christy called the roll. Present: Supervisor Catching, Trustees Reyna, Moore, Wells, and Hicks.

Supervisor Catching made a motion, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks, to promote Dan Taylor to Operations Manager of Youth Services at a salary of \$47,250. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Catching made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Christy', written in a cursive style.

**Ken Christy
Aurora Township Clerk**