

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY
AURORA, IL.
4:00 P.M. June 11, 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 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 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: Supervisor Bill Catching, Trustees David Moore, Dolores Hicks, Juanita Wells, and Juan Reyna, Assessor Davis Offutt, and Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker.
Staff & Public present – as attached.

II. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 28, 2015 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

A. Motion to approve Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 33,797.46 made by Supervisor Catching and Seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Motion to approve Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$11,812.19 made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Motion to approve General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$2,016.78 made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

D. Combined motion to approve IMRF and Road and Bridge IMRF Fund bills in the amount of \$ 11,253.22 made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

E. Combined motion to approve Social Security and Road and Bridge Social Security Fund bills in the amount of \$ 5,789.48 made by Supervisor Catching and Seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

A. Assessor's Report - Assessor Davis Offutt reported the Deputy Assessors have revalued all the Aurora Township residential parcels. As of June 11, 2015, we have revalued 37,096 parcels. All properties will receive the equalization notices for 2015. The other three years, only properties that were revalued by the local Assessor received these notices and published in the paper. I have attached aggregate assessed value according to property class report for your review. This report does not apply any exemptions to the total assessed value. The County is coming in Monday, June 15, to pick up our records on assessments.

B. Highway Commissioner's Report - The land transfer by the Burlington Northern railroad that the Township previously approved will take place at the end of the month, Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker reported. The City of Aurora's Law Department has proven to be very difficult with the new owner concerning an easement for a water main on the property. ... Mowing is doing extremely well with few complaints. He has been working the lawn crew 10-hour shifts for four days to complete the work more efficiently. ... The Township will supply their large tent for Aurora Greenfest this weekend. They also supplied tent for the open house at the Stuart Complex. ... The project at Schaefer and McClure has been finished. This will avoid future flooding of the area that has been going on for 50 years. Mr. Shoemaker extended his condolences to the family of Bruce Brummel, who passed away in the past week. Mr. Shoemaker fixed a flooding problem on Mr. Brummel's property about six years ago.

C. Supervisor's Report - Supervisor Catching reported on the area at Wolf Golf Course and Golfview Park and how the City of Aurora, Kane County and the Township are working to address flooding in the area. ... The Township will be providing bussing for Green Fest this weekend. We have also have been providing bussing for day camp students throughout Aurora to the Aurora Regional Fire Museum. ... The Township will be switching its website server, which also hosts our e-mail accounts. If all goes smoothly, there should be no interruption in service. ... Supervisor Catching further discussed the topics in Springfield in regards to the budget talks that could affect our township. .. A new Township flag design was given to the Board for consideration. ... Our Soccer field in Montgomery will be closed for the season because of its poor conditions and will be improved and ready for next year. We will discuss a partnership with the Aurora Housing Authority to use their fields at the former Jericho Circle/Westwood complex for our soccer programs. Those fields, however, will not be ready until next year.

D. Ride In Kane Manager's Report - Manager Mellisa Wilmot reported that we are down two drivers due to retirements and the work is being picked up by our present drivers. Pace has been difficult to work with in terms of hiring new drivers. We are still working on returning the old fleet and appreciate Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker for housing them. The new buses are requiring very little maintenance.

E. Youth Director's Report - Scot Thurman reviewed the following with the Board: our growing Soccer program, the Basketball program, After School Program, Lunch and Snack programs. In his report, Thurman also discussed senior activities and grants to the Youth Center. Scot Thurman reported on meetings he has attended and functions held at the Youth Center.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 2015-21 Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics employed on Public Works of Aurora Township. Motion to approve resolution by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Roll call vote: Supervisor Catching – Yes, Trustees Reyna – Yes, Hicks –Yes, Wells-Yes, Moore- Yes. Motion passed on roll call vote.

B. Ordinance 2015-22 Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics employed on Public Works of Aurora Township Road District. Motion to approve resolution by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Roll call vote: Supervisor Catching – Yes, Trustees Reyna – Yes, Hicks –Yes, Wells-Yes, Moore- Yes. Motion passed on roll call vote.

C. Resolution 2015-23 Personal Property Replacement Tax Allocation
Motion to approve resolution by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS: NONE

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. David Moore attended the boxing event held at the Youth center. He stated it was well organized and attended by many.

B. Peggy Hicks commented on the events in Springfield that affect the State's Social programs from the Governor's budget. She stated that lobbying to prevent cuts is on-going.

C. Peggy Hicks also announced an event for women of color will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday June 18th at the Township's Youth and Senior Center to screen for breast cancer and other health issues.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. ACCION LATINO will be having an event on June 13th from 1-5 p.m. at 544 South Lake Street, Aurora.

B. The Aurora Housing Authority will be hosting an event on July 24th for scholarship funding – details to follow.

C. The Bretts will be coming at 6 p.m. June 27th to the Paramount for a fund raiser for the Allen J. Lynch Foundation. Tickets are \$40.

D. There will be a retirement party to honor Ron Ford, County Board Member to celebrate his retirement. The event will be at La Quinta 36 East New York Street, Aurora, from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday June 18. All proceeds will be given to several charitable organizations.

E. African American Men of Unity will be having their annual Juneteenth picnic June 26th, 3-7:30 p.m. at Martin Luther King Park.

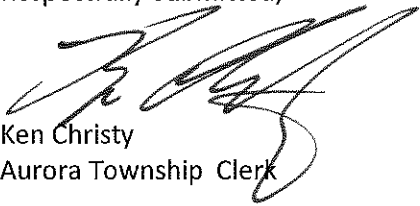
F. The Township will be participating in the soccer camp at the Sugar Grove location of Waubensee College, June 16th – June 20th from 6-8 p.m.

G. Dolores Hicks announced senior activities that are on going and also announced wedding plans for two of our seniors.

H. Fay's BBQ tickets are now available for the Aurora Township Foundation's event from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Monday, June 29.

Motion for Adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells at 4:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ken Christy
Aurora Township Clerk