

AURORA TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY, AURORA, ILLINOIS

4 p.m. April 30, 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, IL at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 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, and Juan Reyna, Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker.

Assessor Davis Offutt and Trustee Juanita Wells– Excused Absence
Staff & Public present – as attached.

II. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 14, 2015, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

III. Approval and 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 \$49,125.73. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- B. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$ 7,067.29. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- C. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$ 8,056.88. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- D. Combined motion made by Supervisor Catching and Seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve IMRF and Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$ 12,310.41. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

- F. Combined motion by Supervisor Catching to approve Social Security and Road & Bridge Social Security Fund bills in the amount of \$ 5,391.95. Seconded by Trustee Reyna. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

- A. Assessor's Report - Report Attached – Summary: The Assessor's Office has revalued almost all of the Aurora Township residential parcels. As of this date, they have revalued more than 34,600 parcels. All properties will receive equalization notices for 2015. Only properties that were revalued by the Assessor received these notices and were published in the local paper in the three previous years.
- B. Highway Commissioner's Report - Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker reported that Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker reported re-paving is ongoing. Had to re-grade Connie Court to prepare for the repaving project with Geneva Construction. Also working on the following streets – Coolidge, Gates, Melrose and 6th Ave, to level street and install cross cut culverts. No agreement has been reached on McClure for easement rights, with the City of Aurora.
- C. Supervisor Report –Supervisor Catching reported that he met with Ryan Dolan about renewing the the lease on our bus barn. Supervisor Catching attended the meeting of the Hercules Park Neighborhood Watch group with Commissioner Shoemaker. He also attended a meeting with Aurora Police Chief Greg Thomas along with several business groups, not-for-profits and church groups to address violence in Aurora. Supervisor Catching also discussed with the Board the possible impact of the Governor's budget cuts in Ride-in-Kane and Youth programs in the Township. Gov. Rauner is proposing a significant cut to PACE, which may reduce their subsidy for the Ride in Kane program. Our summer youth employment grant is also in question. Finally, Catching thanked U.S. Rep. Bill Foster for his recognition of Aurora Township on the floor of the House of Representatives for the board's rejection of the Governor's "Turnaround Agenda" resolution.
- D. Code Enforcement Officer's Report – Dan Jaquez - Please see the attached report.
- E. General Assistance Manager's Report - Suely Ann Cabral – Summary: Suely Ann Cabral reported to the Board new general assistance, emergency assistance statistics plus training and meetings she attended. She also reviewed many upcoming events in the month of May.

Trustee Hicks added that on May 7th, at 9:15 a.m. at the Youth Center, a representative from the Visiting Nurse Association will be there after senior aerobics.

- F. Presentation of March 2015 Financial Statement – by Chief of Staff Patricia Richardson – Ms. Richardson reviewed the March 2015 and the end-of-fiscal-year financial reports. We have made a great turn around in and through the efforts of many people and have rebuilt the fund balance in the Town Fund from a negative position last year. The auditors will be in May 12th to perform some preliminary work and then return the week of June 8th for their final fieldwork. The Township and Road District budget hearings will take place at 3:30 p.m. May 14 at the Township offices. We should receive our first Kane County property tax distribution the last week of May. Clerk Christy complimented Ms. Richardson on her hard work and dedication to the Township.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Review and Award of 2015 Summer Food Services Vendor Contract: On a Motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna, the 2015 Summer food service vendor contract approval was tabled. A discussion on the fact that there was only one bid submitted, and that bid was very high and unaffordable. Last year we served 17,000 breakfasts and 38,000 lunches at 20-25 sites. The Township will look at options to control costs and make changes to this program before selecting a food vendor. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- B. Review and award Youth Center Gym flooring Vendor Contract: Supervisor Catching made a motion, seconded by Trustee Reyna, to award the contract to Midwest Sports for \$26,600. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2015- 16 Recognizing the Retirement of Louis Theodor, Ride in Kane Driver
Supervisor Catching made the motion, seconded by Trustee Moore. Supervisor Catching and other Board members bestowed much praise on his dedicated career to the Township.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Public Hearing on Town Budget and Road District Budget, Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. at Township Office – 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Il.

- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION- PENDING LITIGATION – Supervisor Catching made a motion to adjourn into executive session, seconded by Trustee Hicks at 4:34 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.


- X. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION at 4:39 p.m.

- XI. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM: Supervisor Catching, Trustees Hicks, Moore, Reyna
Excused Absence – Trustee Wells

- XII. ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

- XIII. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Catching at 4:43 p.m., seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ken Christy
Aurora Township Clerk

