

AURORA TOWNSHIP, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MAIN OFFICES - 80 NORTH BROADWAY, AURORA

4 p.m. January 22, 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 offices, 80 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois, at 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2015. Notice was sent to all board members as required by state 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 David Moore gave the Invocation.

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

II. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of Jan. 8, 2015, was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

A. Supervisor Catching made a motion, which was seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$51,267.40. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Supervisor Catching made a motion, which was seconded by Trustee Wells, to approve Road and Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$19,809.09. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Supervisor Catching made a motion, which was seconded by Trustee Reyna, to approve General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$2,359.91. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. Supervisor Catching made a motion, which was seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve Building and Equipment Fund bills in the amount of \$387.44. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Supervisor Catching made a combined motion, seconded by Trustee Wells, to pay IMRF and Road and Bridge IMRF bills in the amount of \$10,551.71. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

F. Supervisor Catching made a combined motion, seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve Social Security and Road and Bridge Social Security Fund bills in the amount of \$4,898.12. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

A. Assessor's Report - Assessor Davis Offutt's report is attached. In summary, Kane County's board of review hearings have ended for 2014. The board's final decisions will be sent to property owners sometime in the beginning of February. Their new HP printer has arrived, and it's working great. He is looking to donate the old Xerox printer to an organization that might be able to use it.

B. Highway Commissioner's Report - Commissioner John Shoemaker reported that he recently met with Morris Engineering who is working on a tracking system for signs and road conditions throughout the Township. The benefit of this program will be of great cost savings in maintaining Township signs and roads. ... There was a water main break at Binder and Loucks streets, which resulted in heavy flooding. Township crews pumped water to avoid nearby homes being flooded. We will file a claim against the insurance company that represents the water company for our costs. ... The BNSF rail road is acquiring property at 601 Farnsworth, which is in the Township. This will include a section of McClure Road as the entrance to the acquired property. The Township recently paved this road and also installed a box culvert. Shoemaker said that he will seek compensation for the work before vacating the road. ... The salt delivered this year is the worst that we have received in recent history. It is very heavy with water. We are dealing with this issue by mixing last year's salt with the new salt to try to overcome this problem.

C. Supervisor Report – by Supervisor Bill Catching - He reported that he attended the quarterly meeting of Township Supervisors in Kane County. He is also considering having Aurora Township to join the Metropolitan Township Association, which is comprised of urban townships like our own. They lowered their dues recently for townships our size. Catching stated that our new fleet of buses is being modified for a better tie-down system for wheel chairs. The change means that they can carry one less passenger – from 11 passengers to 10, but accommodating passengers in wheel chairs should be much easier.

D. Code Enforcement Officer's Report – A summary is attached. Violations are down mostly due to the winter weather.

E. General Assistance Manager's Report – by Suely Ann Cabral – Summary attached. Ms. Cabral reported on statistics of General Assistance usage and various community events for senior citizens. TRIAD will be holding a workshop on fraud and scams going on in our community.

F. December Financial Statement Review – by Chief of Staff Patricia Richardson – Ms. Richardson reviewed the Township's finances to date and the future of upcoming challenges if unexpected expenditures occur. The check has been received from the sale of the Farnsworth property.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2015-01 Transfer of Appropriation Town Fund - Motion by Supervisor Catching , seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. Resolution 2015-02 Transfer of Appropriation General Assistance Fund - Motion by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Reyna. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

c. Resolution 2015-03 Appointing Members to Aurora Township Community Development Assistance Program Revolving Loan Review Committee - Motion by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Wells. Catching explained that the committee has been inactive for quite some time and members needed to be reappointed to review a pending loan application. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII - PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peggy Hicks asked why the number of General Assistance clients are down from last year's since there seems to be so many people who are in need of our services. Supervisor Catching and General Assistance Manager Suely Ann Cabral explained the recently re-implemented requirement that GA clients work 10 hours a month with a partner agency was a significant reason for the drop-off in clients.

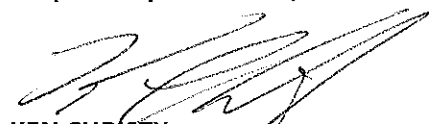
VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1.) Happy Birthday to David Moore.
- 2.) Mandatory training was held at noon today and at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center in regards to avoiding sexual harassment and discrimination.
- 3.) A Black history event will be held at 7 p.m. February 20 at the Prisco Center with special guest Miss Illinois, US, Brittany Middlebrooks.
- 4.) There will be on going events at the Youth center to celebrate Black History month.
- 5.) A moment of silence was held by all for Kane County board member Jesse Vazquez who suddenly passed away this week. He was an active member of the community and a friend to all.
- 6.) An event for seniors will be held at noon on February 27, at the Aurora Township Senior center for African-American Heritage month with special entertainment.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Supervisor Catching made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Moore, at 4:46 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Next Meeting – 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015, at 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois

Respectfully Submitted,



KEN CHRISTY
Aurora Township Clerk