

AURORA TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY

AURORA, IL

July 23, 2015

Time: 4:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

II. 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, July 23, 2015. Notice was sent to all members of the board as required by statute.

III. Aurora Township Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Supervisor Catching led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Dolores Hicks gave the Invocation.

IV. Aurora Township Clerk Ken Christy called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching – Supervisor, Trustees - David Moore, Dolores Hicks, Juanita Wells, and Juan Reyna. Assessor Davis Offutt and Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker were excused absences. Staff and public present – as attached.

V. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 9, 2015 was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VI. Approval and/ or Audit of Township and Road District bills:

a. Motion to approve Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$51,598.80 was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. Motion to approve Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$31,158.01 was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

c. Motion to approve General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$2,992.99 was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

d. Motion to approve Mental Health Fund bills in the amount of \$22,231.27 was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

e. Combined motion to approve IMRF and Road and Bridge IMRF Fund bills in the amount of \$10,594.91, was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

f. Combined motion to approve Social Security and Road and Bridge Social Security Fund bills in the amount of \$6,341.67, was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report - by Davis Offutt – Report Attached – Summary: The Equalization Factor for Aurora Township for the 2015 tax year is 1.0881. This means that the valuations submitted by the Aurora Township Assessor's Office will be increased by that factor.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report - by Jason Owens – Attached Summary – Drain project on Barston Lane done, lacking only landscaping. Lawn Mowing for Seniors is ongoing. The Commissioner will be attending the Green Fleet seminar on July 20 to learn of new and available technologies to help make Township trucks easier on the environment.

c. Supervisor Report – by Supervisor Bill Catching — Supervisor Catching reported he attended the public hearing on Pace services. Pace is reconfiguring some routes and adding Call-And-Ride services on the southeast area of the township. The Township website was down briefly but is up on a new server. Catching said he is also working on getting out more information on social media including Facebook and Twitter. Catching and the code enforcement officers met with County representatives to improve coordination on code enforcement and zoning issues. The County has a new database to identify vacant properties, which have been a problem due to the tremendous increase in foreclosures.

d. Code Enforcement Officer's Report – by Clarence Robinson - Violation report attached –Report was reviewed with the Board.

e. General Assistance Manager's Report - Attached – Summary: Report described new clients. Senior Services Kane County Cougars event. August 11th is the TRIAD picnic at Phillips Park. Senior Services committee will be meeting on July 24. At the August meeting State Representative Mike Fortner will be speaking.

f. June 2015 Financial Statement Review – By Chief Of Staff Patricia Richardson – Summary: Ms. Richardson reviewed with the Board the June financials. She also reviewed Township investments with the Board.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2015-24 – Transfer of Appropriation Town Fund –Supervisor Catching made the motion, seconded by Trustee Reyna, to pass the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. Discussion regarding Aurora Township Ordinance to Define, Prevent & Abate Nuisances. A resident on Gary Avenue complained about a trailer his neighbor has parked in his driveway. The complaint was investigated and was ruled unfounded. There was a lengthy discussion that followed.

X. BOARD COMMENTS

Clerk Ken Christy asked the Board to contact local State Representatives and thank them for standing up to Governor Rauner's proposals that affect the State in a negative manner.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peggy Hicks announced that on August 18 at the Painters District Council in Aurora, there will be a seminar by Team Illinois and the Illinois African American Family Commission on Equity In Education.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Puerto Rican Parade and Festival is this weekend.

b. Aurora Housing Authority will be awarding scholarships at their event this weekend.

c. Saturday the Luxemburg Club of Aurora will be hosting a pig roast to celebrate 125 years of service to Aurora.

d. Fays BBQ was highly complimented by many Township organizations and citizens.

e. The Township wrote a letter of support for a grant of \$50,000.00 to fund the Rebuilding Together Aurora.

f. Supervisor Catching added that a member of Rebuilding Together Aurora passed along a compliments have been bestowed on our Township Bus drivers for their fine performance in helping our clients.

g. The Fox Valley Marine Corps League Golf Outing will be held August 12th at Orchard Valley Golf Course. The event is expected to raise \$35,000 with \$10,000 going to Marie Wilkinson food pantry and \$10,000 to Interfaith Food Pantry. There will be 144 golfers participating in this event.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore at 4:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ken Christy
Aurora Township Clerk

