

**AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
80 NORTH BROADWAY
AURORA, IL.
October 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 main office, 80 North Broadway, Aurora, Il., at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 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.

II. 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. Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker. Excused Absence: Assessor Davis Offutt. Staff & Public present -- as attached.

III. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 8th, 2015 made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Approval and/ or Audit of Township and Road District bills

A. Motion to approve Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 97,444.89, made by Supervisor Catching, and seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. Motion to approve Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$ 36,612.72, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

C. Motion to approve General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$3,826.01, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D. Motion to approve Mental Health Fund Bills in the amount of \$20,849.21, made by Supervisor and seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

E. Combined motion to approve IMRF and Road and Bridge IMRF Fund bills in the amount of \$ 10,677.23, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

F. Combined motion to approve Social Security and Road and Bridge Social Security Fund bills in the amount of \$5,390.47, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

V. REPORTS

A. Assessor's Report - by Davis Offutt -- Report Attached -- Summary: Attached is an historical view of the Aurora Township Board of Review hearings from 1997 through 2015. We have completed preparing for all of the 318 Board of Review filings. The last day of the Board of Review hearings for the 2015 assessment year is November 10, 2015. In the Assessor bills, you will see the \$4,595.73 invoice for the new server to replace the 10-year-old server. The cost will be covered by the approved Assessor's Office budget. The server has been delivered and is setting in the back room.

B. Highway Commissioner's Report - by John Shoemaker -- The lawn mowing program for seniors is done for the season. The cost was 50% less than last year because the work was done by Road District employees rather than contracting it out. Mailers for brush pickup arrived late, so there will be two rounds of brush pick up this year. Shouldering is being done and the Road district will probably add another paving box to save time and money. The Road district is set for winter. Salt delivery is set for November. They will be using a new type called Clear Lane, which has .

C. Supervisor Report -- by Supervisor Bill Catching -- Two thirds of the old Pace buses have been returned to Pace. The Township is seeking bids to replace the awnings at the Township main office and some tuck pointing and window replacement at the Youth center. The Township is also looking to update the phone system to reduce costs.

D. Code Enforcement Officer's Report -- Report Attached.

E. General Assistance Manager's Report -- by Suely Ann Cabral -- Attached -- Summary: The Client list was reviewed. Senior Services programs were reviewed. The Christmas meal program will be 12-12-15 at the Third Ward club. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to the home bound seniors.

F. Chief of Staff -- Patricia Richardson -- September Financial Statement -- Ms. Richardson reviewed the financials with the Board. The Ride-in-Kane program is projected to be \$200,000 dollars under budget at the end of the year, while the Youth Center will likely go over budget because we did not receive a grant from the State of Illinois and other unanticipated expenses. Overall, the Township finances continue to improve.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS: Resolution 2015-25 Transfer of Appropriations -- Town Fund -- was tabled on a motion by Supervisor Bill Catching. Seconded by Trustee -- Juan Reyna. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS -- Clerk Ken Christy thanked the Board for covering his recent absence of the last Board meeting so he could attend his grandson being sworn into the Navy. Special thanks to Deputy Clerk Jason Owens.

Trustee Juanita Wells is looking into programs for the Township Annual meeting in April.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Residents Bobbie Cannon and Vicky Sierra thanked the Board for the recent trip for Seniors to Galena, Illinois, and also thanked the Board for all their support for Senior Services, especially Trustee Hicks. Mr. and Mrs. Halstroms attended their first Township meeting and they were given an overview of Township services. Supervisor Catching and the Board thanked the Halstroms for attending.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Aurora Actionaires Foundation will be holding their annual event on November 14th.

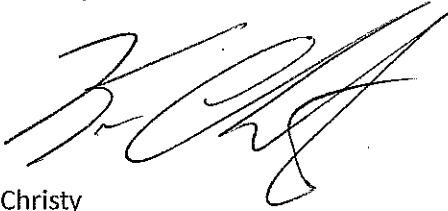
B. Fox Valley Christian Ministerial Alliance will host its annual scholarship banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday November 6, at the Gaslite Manor.

C. Road Commissioner John Shoemaker who belongs to the East Aurora Educational Foundation announced the distribution of \$45,000 to various groups and teachers. The foundation supports projects that would otherwise not be funded by the school district.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Catching at 4:50 p.m. and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion carried by unanimous 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

