

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY
AURORA, ILLINOIS
January 28, 2016

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, January 28, 2016. 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: 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.

III. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2016 made by Supervisor Catching 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 \$32,683.11, made by Supervisor Catching, and seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Motion to approve Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$25,600.56, 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 \$ 5,947.65, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Motion to approve Equipment & Building Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 362.06, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna – Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Motion to approve Joint Bridge Fund Bills in the amount \$13,200.24, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- f. Combined motion to approve IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF Fund in the amount of \$ 11,412.87,

made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- g. Combined motion to approve Social Security and Road and Bridge Social Security Fund bills in the amount of \$ 5,178.11, made by Supervisor Catching and Seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. .

V. REPORTS

- a. Assessor's Report - by Davis Offutt –Summary: Mr. Offutt stated that we are waiting for Kane County Board of Review to finish their hearings and then to certify the county Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) for 2015. After that the Supervisor of Assessments will send a projected Equalization Factor to all 16 Assessors for the 2016 assessor's Office.
- b. Highway Commissioner's Report - by John Shoemaker – Winter has so far been mild. Very little snow removal. The recent ice storm was handled well. We have plenty of salt and are well prepared for the rest of winter. The Road District has been concentrating on tree removal.
- b. Supervisor Report – by Supervisor Bill Catching – Supervisor Catching reviewed a recent e-mail from Aurora Police Detective Christopher Coronado with the Board. In short, Detective Coronado stated that the Kane County State's Attorney's office has declined to file charges after an investigation of irregularities in cash handling and petty cash recordkeeping under the previous administration. Catching stated the he appreciated the diligence of the Aurora Police Department and Det. Coronado, in particular, for his work on this case. The Youth Center staff is looking at a couple new programs. A volunteer from the State's Attorney's office has offered to help with swimming and kayaking. We also plan to work with Mr. Walters' Sundowners Track Program. Finally, Supervisor Catching reviewed changes in benefits and qualifications for Emergency Assistance to residents after a fire or other emergency.
- d. General Assistance Manager's Report - by Suely Ann Cabral - New Client and Emergency Assistance were discussed. Free income tax preparation will be available for seniors thru April 12th, available from 1-3 p.m. at the Aurora Township Senior Service offices. The hoarding seminar held at the Prisco Center on January 25th was a great success.
- e. FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT – Chief of Staff – Patricia Richardson reviewed with the Board the December Financials. All is on track. Also discussed were the Transfer of Funds resolutions 2016-02 and 2016-03.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2016-02 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund
Motion to approve Resolution 2016-02 Transfer of Appropriation - Town Fund was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- b. Resolution 2016-03 Transfer of Appropriation – General Assistance Fund
Motion to approve Resolution 2016-03 Transfer of Appropriation – General Assistance Fund was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. Trustee Wells attended the Senior Services meeting at Sunnymere. The topic was Medicare. Seminar was outstanding. She also attended the hoarding seminar which was also informative and well attended.
- b. Happy Birthday to David Moore.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Peggy Hicks announced that on February 19th, from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. the 15th Annual Black History Program at the Prisco Center.
- b. Bobbie Cannon thanked the Board on behalf of seniors for the events from the Township. She also reported on volunteer work done by the seniors.

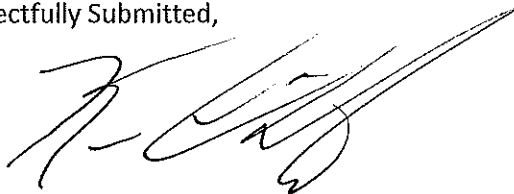
X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. There will be a seminar on Medicare benefits for the seniors on March 3rd from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. at the Youth
- b. On February 3rd, Think Global Arts Foundation will be donating notebooks and other items to the Youth Center at 5 p.m. All are welcome to attend. The donation was coordinated by Jo Fridell Higgins, chairwoman of the Aurora Township Youth Commission.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Catching at 4:40 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ken Christy
Aurora Township Clerk