

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY
AURORA, IL.
February 11, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

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, February 11, 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.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Bill Catching led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INVOCATION

Trustee Dolores Hicks gave the Invocation.

IV. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

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; Assessor Davis Offutt. Excused Absences: Trustee Juan Reyna and Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker. Staff & Public present – as attached.

V. MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA

Motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to add to the Agenda: Presentation of Tentative Amended Appropriation Ordinance for Aurora Township Road District. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VI. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 28, 2016, made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

- a. Motion to approve Town Fund bills in the amount of \$ 65,142.36, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Motion to approve Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$ 11,391.77, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Motion to approve General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$ 5,454.17, 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 \$ 483.59, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- e. Combined motion to approve IMRF Fund and Road and Bridge IMRF Fund bills in the amount of \$ 11,977.35, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- f. Combined motion to approve Social Security Fund and Road and Bridge Social Security Fund bills in the amount of \$ 5,285.68, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Bid Opening for Sale of Surplus Township Vehicles. – No bids on any Township Vehicles were received as posted in The Beacon-News. A second bid notice will be published and bid opening will be tabled until a future board meeting.
- b. Presentation of Tentative Amended Appropriation Ordinance for Aurora Township Road District. Proposed increases in 2015-2016 fiscal year appropriations in the Road District IMRF Fund and Road District Social Security Fund from reserve balances. Proposed Amended Appropriations Ordinance will be on display for 30 days followed by a Public Hearing at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

IX. REPORTS

- a. Assessor's Report - by Davis Offutt – Summary: The Kane County Supervisor of Assessments will send a projected Equalization Factor in the next few weeks. This will aid in determining the current market trends for all the neighborhoods in the Township.
- b. Highway Commissioner's Report - by Jason Owens - Summary: The Road District is ready for the weekend's snow. The mild weather has helped in the removal of trees, electrical work and patching roads. IDOT will hold a meeting on February 25th, 2016, concerning Rural Street bridge replacement. Also, the City of Aurora will hold a public meeting on February 24 to discuss plans for potential improvements to Farnsworth Avenue between New York Street and Route 30.
- c. Supervisor Report – by Supervisor Catching – Summary: General Assistance Report is incorporated in the Supervisor's Report by Suley Ann Cabral who reviewed the General Assistance Program, Senior Services events, and the TRIAD meeting held in January. Supervisor Catching informed the Board that the City of Aurora cited the dumpster at the Youth Center for improper screening. We will address that issue when we pave the parking lot there. We also received notice that the State of Illinois has requested repayment of \$8,800 in grant money issued to the Township in 2001 for an Ogden Gardens water project that was not finished.
- d. Ride-In-Kane Manager's Report – by Melissa Wilmot – Ride In Kane program is progressing well. The patrons are very grateful.
- e. Youth Services Director – by Scot Thurman – Summary: Mr. Thurman reviewed the report citing Youth Center activities. A \$3,000 grant from the Carson Family Foundation was received in December. A \$1,500 grants from Aurora Noon Rotary Club is expected in the near future and will be used to purchase an I.D. machine. Betsey Bellino from the St. Charles Boat and Kayak

Club reviewed the program "Kids in Boats" with the Board. Trustee Moore commented on the positives of programs such as "Kids In Boats" Program. Plus others in active programs for children were a positive for the Youth of the Township.

Waubonsee Community College will host a sign up for community volunteers and volunteer projects on April 16th.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. Trustee Moore shared with the Board the Mental 708 Board meeting where Mr. Murphy thanked him and the Township Board for their support.
- b. Trustee Wells is arranging a presentation on property tax issues for the annual meeting. Trustee Wells thanked the Board for renting the Township bus for a trip to Indianapolis, Indiana.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Patricia Richardson announced that Fay's Bar-B-Que notified us that they will no longer do fundraising events. We will look into other vendors to continue our annual fundraising dinner for the Foundation for Aurora Township Senior and Youth Services.
- b. Public Hearing on Amended Appropriation Ordinance for Aurora Township Road District, Will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2016 beginning at 3:30 p.m. at Aurora Township offices, 80 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Catching at 4:50 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Ken Christy
Aurora Township Clerk