

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY
AURORA, IL.
March 10, 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, IL, at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 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, and Juan Reyna, Assessor Davis Offutt and Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker.
Staff and Public Present - as attached

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 25, 2016 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VI. APPROVAL AND/OR AUDIT OF TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS

a. Motion to approve Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 32,186.63, 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 \$15,524.85, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

c. Motion to approve General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$ 3,532.41, 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 \$ 468.38, made by Supervisor Catching 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 \$11,896.36, made by Supervisor Catching and Seconded by Trustee Reyna. 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 \$ 5,613.43, made by Supervisor Catching and Seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bid Opening for Sale of Surplus Township Vehicles

Supervisor Catching made a motion, seconded by Trustee Reyna, to accept the sole bid from Lashon Harden of Aurora to purchase a 2002 Chevrolet Venture van for \$155. The sale of the van, which had been declared as surplus, had been advertised in The Beacon-News, the local newspaper of record. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

b. Ride in Kane Employee's Classification Change

Supervisor Catching made a motion to reclassify a Ride In Kane driver, Janice Jaros-Pavlak, from part-time to full time status to fill an open full time position vacated by the retirement of Raymond Seppelfrick. Motion seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report - by Davis Offutt - Summary – We have revalued approximately 45% of Aurora Township as of this date. His report showed the parcel counts according to property class and the aggregate assessed value according to property class.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report - by John Shoemaker - Summary: The mild winter weather has allowed for tree removal near Aurora University and road patching in the Township. The County road program is being delayed. Brush pickups will be starting soon. The senior lawn mowing program was very successful and within budget. In addition, the same crew will be back to do lawn mowing this summer.

c. Supervisor Report – by Supervisor Catching — The Township is exploring a switch to Comcast internet service via a T-1 line. The current DSL is very slow. Converting to a T-1 line will allow the Township to switch to VOIP service for its phones, which is projected to save 25% on the cost of our current telephone service.

The Township received two Freedom of information requests from Better Government Association regarding salaries and collective bargaining agreements. The Township fulfilled these requests.

d. Ride In Kane Manager's Report – by Melissa Wilmot - On March 21st, Janice Jaros-Pavlak will start as full time Township driver, as approved earlier in the meeting.

A.I.D. is supplying a part-time person to convert our client list to digital files.

New lighting has been installed at the Township bus barn.

The Sugar Grove Dial-A-Ride program is doing well. We have provided 63 rides so far.

e. Youth Services Director – by Scot Thurman –Summary: Mr. Thurman reviewed his report with the Board. All Programs are doing fine. April Lopez's last day will be Tuesday, March 15, 2016. A search for a replacement is on-going. Summer staff will also be addressed. The paving project at the Youth Center is under review for options due to the huge investment. Supervisor Catching explained the options to the Board.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Wells updated the property tax and reverse mortgage program she is working on for the residents following the Annual Town meeting on April 12th.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Public Hearing - There will be a Public Hearing on the AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR AURORA ROAD DISTRICT, Thursday, March 24, 2016 beginning at 3:30 p.m. at Aurora Township Offices, 80 North Broadway, Aurora, IL.

b. The Foundation for Aurora Township Senior and Youth Services will host their annual BBQ Fundraiser on June 20, 2016 at the Youth Center.

c. The Black History events were highly successful with great attendance at the Youth Center and the Senior Center. Thanks to John Shoemaker for providing the chicken.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Catching at 4:43 p.m. and seconded by Trustee Wells.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Christy
Aurora Township Clerk