

**Aurora Township**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Youth and Community Center, 313 Gale Street**

**Aurora, IL.**

**Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

**Time: 5:00 P.M.**

**Minutes**

- 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 Youth and Community Center, 313 Gale Street, Aurora, IL, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 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 5:04 p.m. Supervisor Catching led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Moore gave the invocation and led a moment of silence to honor former Township Clerk Ken Christy's passing.

Aurora Township Deputy Clerk Jason Owens called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching – Supervisor; Trustees: David Moore and Juanita Wells. Delores Hicks and Juan Reyna – Excused Absence  
Township Clerk – Vacant  
Assessor Davis Offutt – Present.  
Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker – Present.

Staff and Public present – see attached.

- II. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on March 24, 2016 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- III. Motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on March 24, 2016 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**IV. Approval and/or Audit of Township and Road District Bills.**

- a. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount of **\$49,777.56**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of **\$22,964.72**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of **\$3,814.43**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the Equipment & Building Fund bills in the amount of **\$922.96**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the combined IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF Funds bills in the amount of **\$11,650.07**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- f. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the combined Social Security and Road & Bridge Social Security bills in the amount of **\$5,466.97**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**V. Reports**

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Report attached. Summary: Assessor Offutt reported that they have revalued approximately 80% of Aurora Township.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – John Shoemaker. Summary: Brush pick up is coming the week of April 18. Completed tree stump grinding (50 stumps). Transitioning to landscaping work. Resurfacing program bid awarded to Geneva Construction. 2016-17 budget presented to the Board.
- c. **Supervisor's Report** – Bill Catching. Summary: Supervisor Catching reported that he attended a breakfast meeting of the Fox Valley Veterans where the Township-sponsored flag (which flew over the Capitol Building) was presented to this month's honored veteran. Catching also reported that the Kiwanis' Clean Up event was a success with over 100 people attending. He thanked Scot Thurman and the Youth and Community Center employees that volunteered. Supervisor Catching also thanked Laurie Stone for her work on the new employee handbook, which was sent out for vetting by an attorney that specialized in employment law. Catching outlined the process for filling the Township Clerk vacancy (posting the job for applicants, interviews, Board Vote after discussion in Executive Session). Finally, he mentioned that preliminary conversations are being held to discuss the best way to honor Ken Christy's service to the community.

- d. **Ride in Kane Manager's Report** – Mark Semmler. Report Attached. Summary: No issues to report. Mr. Semmler reported 1639 total riders in March, with 14 new clients added. Semmler spoke of the loss of Walter Douglas, a relatively new driver for the program, who died unexpectedly.
- e. **Youth Services Director's Report** – Scot Thurman. Report attached. Additional Remarks: Mr. Thurman reported the Youth Center is interviewing for the administrative assistant position and will be hiring summer help soon (at least 16 years old, but juniors and seniors in high school preferred). He also mentioned that the Youth Center will be participating in the Dia de los Ninos festivities on April 30. Finally, Mr. Thurman mentioned that the Youth Center will hold a Water Safety Program this summer to teach kids about how to be safe while boating and swimming.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

None.

**VII. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Moore thanked Davis Offutt and Scot Thurman, as department heads, Chief of Staff Patricia Richardson and Human Resources Manager Laurie Stone for their efforts to help return the Township to fiscally responsible operations. Trustee Moore also thanked, on behalf of the community, the employees for their continued good work, willingness to work together and not follow in the footsteps of the bickering at the state and federal levels.

Trustee Wells seconded the thanks offered by Trustee Moore and mentioned that she is constantly hearing good things from the residents, particularly those who didn't know what township governments did. Trustee Wells also said she is very excited about the new employee handbook and thanked Laurie Stone for her efforts on that.

**VIII. Public Comments**

Peggy Hicks added her thanks to the Board, Supervisor Catching, Commissioner Shoemaker and the rest of the administrators and employees for the good work they do every day. Ms. Hicks reminded everyone to stay transparent and accountable in their efforts.

**IX. Announcements**

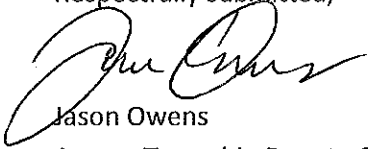
- a. Bid Opening for the Summer Food Service Program will take place at the Township Offices on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

b. Supervisor Catching mentioned a meeting of Team Illinois (a local consortium comprised of public and private institutions of which the Township is a member) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on April 21 in the conference room at Painters District Council #30 in Aurora, IL. PARCC testing will be discussed. Scheduled speakers are Prof. Jim Peligrino (UIC) and Superintendent Kate Dugan (School District 2).

X. **Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 5:27 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Owens", written in a cursive style.

Jason Owens  
Aurora Township Deputy Clerk