

Aurora Township

Board of Trustees Meeting

Main Offices, 80 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois

4 p.m. Thursday, July 14, 2016

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 office, 80 North Broadway, Aurora, IL, at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2016. Notice was sent to all board members as required by state law.

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 Hicks gave the invocation.

Aurora Township Clerk Jason Owens called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching – Supervisor; Trustees: Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Juan Reyna, Juanita Wells.

Clerk Jason Owens – Present.

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 June 23, 2016 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

III. Approval and/or Audit of Township and Road District Bills.

- a. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount of **\$61,552.66**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of **\$32,012.31**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of **\$7,882.43**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve the Mental Health Fund bills in the amount of **\$26,051.32**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the combined IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF Funds bills in the amount of **\$22,648.55**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- f. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the combined Social Security and Road & Bridge Social Security bills in the amount of **\$12,307.54**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Reports

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Report attached. Summary: Assessor Offutt anticipates that the equalization factor from Kane County will be made public by the end of the month and will be high.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – John Shoemaker. Summary: Safety meeting with Teamsters to discuss invasive plants (poison ivy/oak and wild parsnip, which is flesh eating). Shouldering continues. Shoemaker is attending many meetings regarding the Interstate 88/Farnsworth Ave Bridge rebuilding project with the Tollway Authority and is advocating for local residents who have been negatively impacted.
- c. **Supervisor's Report** – Bill Catching. Summary: Supervisor Catching reported that much of his time recently has been dedicated to health insurance renewals. As previously reported, the premiums increased by 23% (~\$68,000) with Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS). Bids were put out to other insurance companies and BCBS was the cheapest (Humana was 300% more and Cigna was 35% more). Catching said the township will assume most of the increase (~\$44,000), but the employees will see some increase in their premiums. (See attached sheet.) The final cost to the township won't be known until after open enrollment ends in July because it ultimately depends on which of the four health plans that qualified employees choose. Supervisor Catching handed out copies of the "Thank You" letters from the Aurora Township Youth Foundation scholarship winners, Daniela Martinez and Kaylee Gramly. (See attached.) Supervisor Catching also congratulated Youth Director Scot Thurman upon his election as President of Aurora Noon Rotary Club.

- d. **Ride In Kane Manager's Report** – Melissa Wilmot. Report attached. Summary: Ms. Wilmot reported that ridership is about the same from last month. She also reported that the Sugar Grove ridership is down, which relieves their financial concerns. Sugar Grove Township has very limited funding for their senior transportation program. Wilmot said that the Title XX fiscal year has ended and she is completing the necessary paperwork. She anticipates the Department of Human Services (sponsor of Title XX) will have money to fund the program for the next fiscal year.
- e. **Youth Services Director's Report** – Scot Thurman. Report attached. Summary: Mr. Thurman said that everything is running fine. They've had no significant issues with the meals vendor for the summer camps in the township this summer. Mr. Thurman reported that he will be meeting with soccer coaches to discuss parking and maintenance issues. Thurman also announced a \$2000 grant from the Aurora Rotary Club to the Youth Center, which will go toward purchasing laptops for the Youth Center's literacy initiative.

V. Unfinished Business

None.

VI. New Business

a. Resolution 2016-21 Grant Funding for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

Supervisor Catching said that the grants in this resolution, \$15,000 to Senior Services Associates, Inc. and \$5,000 to Rebuilding Together Aurora (RTA) are similar to previous grants given to these organizations in previous years. RTA leverages the \$5,000 from the township many times to allow more projects (mainly adding safety and accessibility modifications to homes) to be completed. Catching also cited the long and important relationship between the township and Senior Services Associates.

Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve Resolution 2016-21 Grant Funding for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. Clerk Owens called roll for vote. Yes votes: Catching, Hicks, Moore, Reyna, Wells. No votes: None. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Board Member Comments

Trustee Hicks said Senior Services has a handyman available for certain duties.

Supervisor Catching said he spoke with Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner about the senior snow removal program and Weisner said he will try to move the agreement along.

Trustee Reyna said the Aurora Aces placed 17th out of 48 teams at the Little League World Series in Cooperstown, OH. The team had a great time.

VIII. Public Comments

Patricia Richardson reported that the 5B's barbecue fundraiser had a net profit of \$2,650 between ticket sales and sponsorships.

IX. Announcements

- a. Assessor Offutt said he will speaking at a public forum at the Vaughan Center (2121 W. Indian Trail, Aurora) on July 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. He will be leading a conversation about assessments.
- b. Commissioner Shoemaker reported that the East Aurora Education Foundation Golf Outing was rescheduled for Thursday, July 28th.
- c. Supervisor Catching mentioned that Renee Williams was chaperoning the Fox Valley Veterans Breakfast Club trip to the Rock Island Arsenal today.
- d. Suely Cabral mentioned the TRIAD Picnic will be held at Phillips Park (901 Ray Moses Drive, Aurora) on August 9, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A shuttle bus for seniors will leave from the Senior Services Center. Tickets are \$3.
- e. Mr. Thurman reported that the City of Aurora will be making a \$500 grant contribution towards the Youth Center's National Night Out event on August 2, 2016.

- X. Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 4:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Owens
Aurora Township Clerk