

Aurora Township

Board of Trustees Meeting

Main Offices, 80 North Broadway

Aurora, IL.

4 p.m. Thursday, June 23, 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, June 23, 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 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 public hearing held on June 9, 2016 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**
- III. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 9, 2016 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Hicks. 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 **\$37,587.10**. 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 **\$29,234.96**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of **\$1,876.02**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Mental Health Fund bills in the amount of **\$544,858.64**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the Liability Insurance Fund bills in the amount of **\$21,300.90**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- f. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the Joint Bridge Fund bills in the amount of **\$40,981.72**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- g. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the combined IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF Funds bills in the amount of **\$11,379.74**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- h. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the combined Social Security and Road & Bridge Social Security bills in the amount of **\$5,400.73**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. Reports

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Report attached. Summary: The Assessor's books were delivered to the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments Office on Wednesday, June 15, 2016.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – John Shoemaker. Summary: Resurfacing program is completed. Shouldering and Summit Avenue drainage project will begin soon.
- c. **Supervisor's Report** – Bill Catching. Summary: Supervisor Catching reported that bill to rename the downtown Aurora Post Office after the late Township Clerk Ken Christy has passed both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and awaits the signature of the President of the United States. Catching thanked Trustee Hicks and Trustee Wells for their help at the 5Bs BBQ Fundraiser for the Township Youth and Senior Foundation on Monday. He said 253 meals were served, which is below the hoped for number, but he still considered the event a success. Catching also provided the Board a copy of the letter sent to all unincorporated residents regarding electrical aggregation. (Attached.)

The letter recommends that the residents switch back to ComEd as their electrical supplier. The township's aggregation consultant Progressive Energy will monitor the rates and make another recommendation near the end of the year if circumstances change.

- d. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report** – Clarence Robinson. Report attached. Summary: Mr. Robinson said that the activities in the report are standard complaints. Mr. Robinson reported that he spoke with a resident about their uncut lawn and when they said they couldn't find anyone to cut it, he handed them a card for the lawn service used regularly by the Township on short notice. Mr. Robinson also complimented the Highway Department on their handling of the senior lawn program.
- e. **General Assistance Manager's Report** – Suely Cabral. Report attached. Summary: Ms. Cabral reported that 12 clients were re-approved for financial assistance, two new clients were added and five clients were terminated. Ms. Cabral also reported that three new clients were approved for rental assistance under the Emergency Assistance program. Ms. Cabral mentioned that the seniors enjoy the social hour, with 25-30 seniors attending the event.
- f. **Presentation of May Financial Statements** – Report Attached. No further discussion.

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

- a. **Ordinance 2016-19 Ascertainning the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed on Public Works of Aurora Township.**

Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve Ordinance 2016-19 Ascertainning the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed on Public Works of Aurora Township. Clerk Owens called roll for vote. Yes votes: Catching, Hicks, Moore, Reyna, Wells. No votes: None. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Ordinance 2016-20 Ascertainning the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed on Public Works of Aurora Township Road District.**

Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Ordinance 2016-20 Ascertainning the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed on Public Works of Aurora Township Road District. Clerk Owens called roll for vote. Yes votes: Catching, Hicks, Moore, Reyna, Wells. No votes: None. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Board Member Comments

Trustee Hicks reported that the "Kids in Boats" event was a success. Trustee Hicks said that 15 volunteers helped the 50 kids who attended. Trustee Hicks said that many of the kids went out on the kayaks 10 or more times with one child claiming it was "the best thing I've ever done in my life." Trustee Hicks said that even one of the senior citizens who attended climbed into a kayak. Trustee Hicks thanked her daughter Peggy Hicks for her efforts to recruit kids for the event and said that the volunteers had so much fun they were ready for another kayaking event later this summer. Trustee Wells and Trustee Hicks asked Supervisor Catching to send in a couple of photos from the event to Township Officials of Illinois' *Perspective* magazine.

Trustee Wells and Trustee Hicks are putting together groups to go to the Senior Expo in August 2016. They will be asking for use of the Township bus for the event.

IX. Public Comments

Suely Cabral mentioned that several attendees to the Township Fundraiser BBQ said they preferred 5B's food to Fay's BBQ.

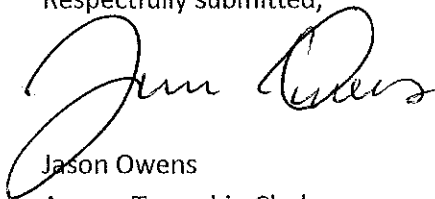
X. Announcements

- a. Trustee Hicks reminded the Board about the Fox Valley Ministerial Alliance's fundraiser breakfast on Saturday, June 25, 2016 (8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) at New Covenant Church, 1029 Kane St. Tickets are \$10 per person. Delivery is available for orders of 3 or more.
- b. Supervisor Catching mentioned the upcoming events commemorating Trustee Hicks 19 years as a minister and congratulated her on her work in the community. Peggy Hicks handed out a flier listing a musical on Friday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. (River Valley Community Church, 888 Edgelawn) and a special 4 p.m. service on Sunday, June 26.

- XI. Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 4:25 p.m.

Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Owens
Aurora Township Clerk