

Aurora Township

Board of Trustees Meeting

Main Offices, 80 North Broadway

Aurora, IL.

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2017

Time: 4:00 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 office, 80 North Broadway, Aurora, IL, at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017. 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 – Excused Absent.

Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker – Present.

Staff and Public present – see attached.

- II. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on February 23, 2017 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 **\$51,515.15**. 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 **\$23,100.69**. 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 **\$2,619.36**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve the Equipment & Building Fund bills in the amount of **\$114.88**. 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 **\$8,874.15**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- f. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Social Security Fund bills in the amount of **\$4,239.63**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. **Reports**

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Written Report. Summary: The equalization factor is only proposed.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – John Shoemaker. Summary: Continuing to work on projects normally reserved for April and May, such as tree trimming and jetting of drains. The staff has been out sick (one with Influenza B). Final reimbursement check for the Austin Avenue bridge rebuild was received.
- c. **Supervisor's Report** – Bill Catching. Summary: Township took delivery of the 201 Ford Taurus to replace the Dodge at the Youth Center. Another roof leak damaged a couple of filing cabinets in the assessor's office. Douglas Flooring is asking for a 30-day extension of the CDAP paperwork deadline. Catching asked for ideas for the program at the Annual Town meeting on April 11, 2017. He asked for recommendations by the next board meeting. Catching offered condolences to Laurie Stone on the passing of her grandmother.
- d. **Ride in Kane Manager's Report** – Melissa Wilmot. Ridership is steady. Wilmot referenced a report from Crystal at AID (Association for Individual Development) which shows that Aurora Township is still the largest sponsor of RIK, but over 14,000 rides are being provided by third party drivers. Wilmot explained that the lack of a full set of drivers has contributed to that large number of third party rides. Trustee Reyna asked how often the report comes from AID. Wilmot said they are generated quarterly. Trustee Wells asked for a copy of the report at the next board meeting. Catching said AID administers the federal grant to Aurora Township for RIK.

- e. **Youth Center Director's Report** – Scot Thurman. Summary: The Youth Center held some Black History Month programs during February. Thurman thanked the Board for the upgraded vehicle. Thurman also said the new person is working out very well. Thurman said he spoke with Republic Services about the unscheduled, unnecessary garbage pickup attempts at the Soccer Field. Republic said they will stop going out there out of season and will credit the Township account by \$1700.

V. Unfinished Business

- a. **Resolution 2017-02 Intergovernmental Agreement – Aurora Township Road District Senior Mowing Program 2017.**

Motion to approve Resolution 2017-02 Intergovernmental Agreement – Aurora Township Road District Senior Mowing Program 2017 made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching said that he and the Highway Commissioner have agreed on the funding amount. Commissioner Shoemaker said he has two new candidates to replace the departing workers from last year. Trustee Moore asked how old the new hires are and Shoemaker said that at least one is eighteen and old enough to drive Township vehicles.

- b. **Ordinance 2017-06 Vacating Utility Easement in Section 24 of Ogden Garden Subdivision.**

Motion to table Ordinance 2017-06 Vacating Utility Easement in Section 24 of Ogden Gardens Subdivision made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching said he has not heard from the requesting party.

VI. New Business

- a. **Selection of a Full-time Ride In Kane Driver Candidate.**

Motion to approve Steve Reinert as the new Full-time Ride In Kane Driver made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching said it is the policy of the Aurora Township to offer advancement opportunities to internal job candidates prior to hiring from outside the Township. Mr. Reinert has served as a part-time RIK driver since 2014.

b. Resolution 2017-07 Authorizing the Supervisor to Execute a Contract with Themes Architecture

Motion to approve Resolution 2017-07 Authorizing the Supervisor to Execute a Contract with Themes Architecture made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion: Catching said Ted Mesiacos, owner of Themes Architecture, inspected the roof at 80 N. Broadway and offered two options for repair: a roof-sized patch (between \$50,000 and \$60,000) which should allow the Township to get another 5 years out of the roof or a full roof replacement (approximately \$150,000). The permit costs for the patch option would be cheaper than the full repair option. Catching hopes to be able to have the work out for bid in time to avoid the end of the school year rush. Trustee Moore asked if a line item exists to pay for the work. Ms. Richardson said that funds exist for engineering this budget year (2016-2017) and a line item will be created for the construction work for the next budget year (2017-2018).

VII. Board Member Comments

None.

VIII. Public Comments

None.

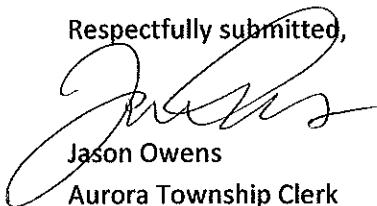
IX. Announcements

None.

X. Adjournment – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 4:22 p.m.

Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Owens
Aurora Township Clerk