

Aurora Township

Board of Trustees Meeting

Main Offices, 80 North Broadway

Aurora, IL.

Date: Thursday, April 20, 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, April 20, 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, Juanita Wells. Trustee Juan Reyna – Excused Absent.

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 April 11, 2017 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Hicks. 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 Moore to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount of **\$35,303.87**. 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 **\$10,735.55**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of **\$1,892.41**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. 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 **\$9,351.14**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the combined Social Security Fund and Road & Bridge Social Security Fund bills in the amount of **\$5,689.93**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Reports

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Written Report. Summary: The 2017 revalue process has begun.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – John Shoemaker. Summary: Brush pick up was this week and is winding down. Crew is preparing for summer work. Geneva Construction was awarded the 2017 resurfacing project and anticipates a mid-May start.
- c. **Supervisor's Report** – Bill Catching. Summary: Supervisor Catching asked for ideas regarding the swearing in ceremony. Catching said the last ceremony and celebration was held at the Roundhouse. Trustee Wells asked about the cost of the party last time. Catching said it was pretty reasonable and that hors d'oeuvres will be served, not a meal. The Board discussed times and dates and settled upon Saturday, May 13 at 3:00 p.m. at the Roundhouse, pending availability. Catching said he would send out invitations once the room is reserved. Catching thanked Patty Richardson for her work during the switch over to a new phone carrier and also thanked Renee Williams for her help with Comcast. Supervisor Catching reported that the Douglas Flooring CDAP loan would not be proceeding as currently approved. Catching said they will reapply once they complete their due diligence on a new project. Catching advised the Board that a new CDAP applicant would be forthcoming. The project is an Art Center through Community Builders and they will be asking for \$500,000, which is double the current max loan amount, but the project is similar to the Hoops recently approved Hoops Inc. CDAP loan in terms of repayment backed by TIF monies. Catching said he would look at rewriting the CDAP loan guidelines to make the application and loan process less forbidding. The Board discussed participating in the Memorial Day parade.
- d. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report** – Written report submitted.

- e. **General Assistance Manager's Report** – Suely Cabral. Summary: Fifteen clients were re-approved for financial assistance with one new client added and two clients terminated from the program. No new applicants for rental assistance.
- f. **Presentation of March Financial Statements** – Patty Richardson. Summary: Ms. Richardson passed out the final numbers to the Board and that the Town Fund ended with \$1.4 million in reserves. Ms. Richardson said the auditors will be in the office on May 8 and also advised the Board to watch for the fraud mailer from the auditors. Richardson reported that the Township budget hearing would be held on May 11, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. Trustee Wells asked about the credit from Republic Services for extra billing for garbage pick up at the Township Soccer Field during the winter. Ms. Richardson said the \$1600 credit would be applied to the Township's garbage invoice as service charges are accrued.

V. Unfinished Business

None.

VI. New Business

Ordinance 2017 – 15 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Aurora Township Road District for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018: Placed on display for 30 days, then public hearing prior to Board meeting at which it will be voted on for approval.

Motion to display Aurora Township Road District's 2017-2018 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 30 days made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VII. Board Member Comments

- Trustee Moore handed out a pamphlet for the Healing Field and Vietnam Moving Wall event in Oswego from June 28 through July 4, 2017.
- Supervisor Catching said he would be attending the Marine Corps Golf Outing and mentioned the upcoming Veteran's Week series of events in Aurora.
- Trustee Wells handed out a note regarding a potential sidewalk project to honor the late Alfredo Talip. Trustee Moore said that he will miss Mr. Talip and hoped someone will step up to take Mr. Talip's role as advocate for his community.
- Trustee Wells handed out a copy of an updated order ticket from 5Bs which follows a suggestion she made to help simplify the order and fulfillment process during fundraising events.

VIII. Public Comments

Patricia Richardson asked the Board whether or not the prices should remain the same for the annual BBQ fundraiser. She said she would need to order the tickets soon.

IX. Announcements

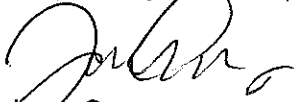
- Public Hearing on Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for Aurora Township will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in the Main Office at 80 N. Broadway.
- The Senior Citizens Service Committee will meet on Friday, April 28, 2017 at Sunnymere.
- TRIAD will provide a presentation to seniors on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Aurora Township Senior Center.

X. Executive Closed Session for Personnel Compensation was not held.

XI. Adjournment – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 4:40 p.m.

Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL.

Respectfully submitted,


Jason Owens
Aurora Township Clerk