

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

MAIN OFFICES, 80 N. BROADWAY, AURORA, IL.

4 p.m. MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013

MINUTES:

I. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bill Catching at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: by Clerk Ken Christy:

Present: - Bill Catching – Supervisor, and Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore and Juanita Wells.

Excused Absence – Trustee Juan Reyna

Staff and public present – as attached.

II. READING OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF AURORA TOWNSHIP 2013 tax levy:

Supervisor Bill Catching read the notice of Public Hearing of Aurora Town 2013 Levy verbatim (as attached).

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Supervisor Bill Catching opened by giving a detailed report on the township tax levies, stating that the 7.87 % increase was presented to capture property taxes from Aurora’s Tax Increment Financing District # 2, which expired in 2012. That TIF District includes the Chicago Premium Outlet mall and has appreciated in value to \$90 million. For most property owners, the Aurora Township portion of their property tax bills will increase 1.7% in 2014.

Supervisor Bill Catching further explained the need for asking the tax increase. The vast majority of revenue for the Township comes from property taxes, and our fund reserves are low. The Town Fund stood at \$6,269 on March 31, 2013, the end of our last fiscal year. The Township is committed to provide community services – particularly the rapidly increasing costs of the Ride-In-Kane transportation program for seniors and the disabled. He further stated that the Township has laid off staff for financial reasons and implemented many cost containment in services.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public discussion was an interaction with an explanation of tax increase. Supervisor Bill Catching answered all questions put forth by the Public, with detailed information.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Supervisor Catching made a motion to end the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Moore at 4:35 p.m. It passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Bill Catching, seconded by Dolores Hicks, at 4:36 p.m. and passed unanimously by voice vote.

RESPECTIFULLY SUBMITTED,

**KEN CHRISTY
Aurora Township Clerk**