

**AURORA TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY**  
**AURORA, IL.**

**DATE: JULY 11, 2013**

**Time: 4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**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 11, 2013. Notice was sent to the public and all members of the Board as required by state statute.

Aurora Township Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Supervisor Catching led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Dolores Hicks gave the Invocation.

**II.** Aurora Township Clerk Ken Christy called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Catching, Hicks, Juan Reyna, Juanita Wells, David Moore, Davis Offutt – Assessor, John Shoemaker – Highway Commissioner. Staff & Public present – as attached.

**III** Motion to approve the minutes of the special Board Meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013, made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Moore. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

Motion to approve the minutes of regular Board Meeting June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Wells. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

Motion made to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, made by Supervisor Catching, Seconded by Moore, - Motion carried by Voice Vote.

**IV.** 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 Bills in the amount of \$97,403.72 plus an additional invoice to Office Depot, Invoice 1583137667, in the amount of \$968.73 for youth center computers. Motion passed by Voice Vote.

**B.** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve Road District bills in the amount of \$13,789.14 plus an additional invoice for an event sponsorship in the amount of \$100.00. Motion passed by Voice Vote.

C. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve General Assistance bills in the amount of \$4,577.89. Motion passed by Voice Vote.

D. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna – to approve Mental Health bills in the amount of \$580,773.53. Motion passed by Voice Vote.

E. Combined motion by Supervisor Catching to pay IMRF AND R&B IMRF bills in the amount of \$10,438.59 and seconded by Trustee Hicks, passed by Voice Vote.

F. Combined motion by Supervisor Catching to approve SOCIAL SECURITY and R&B SOCIAL SECURITY bills of \$6,393.69. Seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion passed by Voice Vote.

#### **V. REPORTS**

A. Assessor's Report – Davis Offutt - Written Attached - Summary: 87% of total parcels done for reassessment. He further explained the appeal process in regards to reassessment of property. He also explained the aggregate assessed value to property class in response to a question from Trustee Reyna.

B. Highway Commissioner's Report – John Shoemaker stated that striping is ongoing. He also reported that he was waiting for the audit results before purchasing future equipment. He also stated that work on the roof has been paid. Trustee Reyna asked if a written report could be given to Board. Shoemaker said he would not and referred the board to his website for written information.

C. Supervisor Report – Catching explained the Township solicited and has received new bids on Health insurance from Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BCBS) and Humana through our new insurance broker Stumm Insurance. BCBS rates increased by 50%, and the Humana bids were even higher. Catching explained that the Township will offer its employees a new "value HMO" selection in addition to the HMO and PPO plan we already offer our employees. Supervisor Catching also reported on all areas of our budget. He further reported that he participated in a meeting on the future of the property at the former Jericho Circle public housing complex. There is a public meeting tonight from 5:30 to 7 p.m. July 11<sup>th</sup>, at Waubensee Community College about public and affordable housing in the City of Aurora if Trustees or the public are interested in participating.

D. Youth Director's Report – Scot Thurman - 35 people walked with the township float in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. The float was donated by the City of Aurora. Mr. Thurman reported on grants to the Youth programs to expand the Youth program further. Trustee Reyna asked about future grants and asked that any hiring be posted on the Township website. Trustee Wells asked Mr. Thurman about ongoing evaluation and job description for all employees. Mr. Thurman is in the process of doing so. Supervisor Catching added that he is doing the same in the main office.

**VI – UNFINISHED BUSINESS** . A review of resolution 2011 – 14 regarding hiring and terminating employees. Supervisor Catching passed out a draft addendum to the resolution at the meeting and asked the board for their comments. He asked trustees to review the addendum and be prepared to vote on it at the next meeting. Motion by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Reyna to table – Motion Carried by voice vote.

**VII –NEW BUSINESS - NONE**

**VIII -PUBLIC COMMENT: - NONE**

**IX – ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Trustee Hicks announced the following event: Community Resource for Team Illinois, July 27 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Temple of God on Root Street -Aurora, Il.

2. Trustee Wells announced the following events: Soul Fest – May Street Park – August 17<sup>th</sup>. Also LaSalle Street car show in August- details to follow.

3. Highway Commissioner announced that he has entered into an agreement With A.I.D. to recycle electronics. Residents can drop them off at the Township Highway Dept. or A.I.D. starting July 15<sup>th</sup>. Hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

4. Announcement by audience member Mercy Galicia, president of the Northern Illinois Tejano Cultural Society. The NITCS will be holding an event this weekend at Vasa Park in South Elgin. The event raises money for scholarships given by the society. The society wanted to hold the event here in Aurora but could not find a venue large enough. Supervisor Catching noted the Township donated \$100 to help sponsor the event and that the Highway Department also donated \$100 as a sponsor.

5. Trustee Reyna announced that Aurora Boys Baseball playoffs are starting this weekend starting July 13<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Moore, the board went into executive session to discuss personnel. The motion passed unanimously by roll call at 5:03 p.m. The executive session was recorded pursuant to state statute.

At 5:30 p.m., the board resumed their meeting in open session on a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion passed by voice vote.

On a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells, the board voted unanimously to authorize the termination of the following employees: Nick Davis (summer lunch staff member) and part-time employees – Charles Postlewaite, Bertha Delgado, Sarah Norman at the end of summer camp in mid-August 2013. After discussion – motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Juan Reyna, to hire Sarah Paul for 29 hours per week, as youth counseling coordinator, starting mid-August. Also, due to an internal promotion, to advertise and hire an evening receptionist for the youth center – 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Catching. Seconded by Dolores Hicks at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried By Voice Vote.

Next meeting will be July 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. at Township Office – 80 North Broadway, Aurora, Il.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

  
**Ken Christy**  
**Aurora Township Clerk**

TO: Aurora Township Board

RE: Assessor Report

DATE: July 11, 2013

Jun 26-Jul 10, 2013

Permits processed: 265

Sales processed: 107

Divisions: 37

Parcel Count: 39,388

The Assessor's Office has completed approximately 87% of the total parcels for the 2013 reassessment.

Attached is the current Aggregate Assessed Value According to Property Class.

The bills presented for approval represent the typical expenses incurred during the general operations of the Assessor's Office.

As always, I will make myself available to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Davis Offutt  
Aurora Township Assessor

