

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

**THURSDAY, July 10, 2014**

**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 4:00 p.m. on Thursday July 10, 2014. Notice was sent to all Board members 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 Ken Christy called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: - Bill Catching – Supervisor, Trustees: Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Juanita Wells and Juan Reyna.

Assessor – Davis Offutt – Present  
Highway Commissioner – John Shoemaker --- Excused Absence

Staff & Public present – as attached.

II. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on June 26th, 2014, made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion carried unanimously by 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 Bills in the amount of \$37,632.70. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve Road District bills in the amount of \$8,849.41 Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- C. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve General Assistance bills in the amount of \$1,523.72. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- D. Combined motion made by Supervisor Catching to pay IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF bills in the amount of \$10,540.90. Seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- E. Combined motion by Supervisor Catching to approve Social Security and Road & Bridge Social Security bills of \$5,529.25. Seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### **IV. Reports**

**A. Assessor's Report** - Davis Offutt - Attached – Summary : Assessor Offutt gave a very detailed explanation of how the assessed valuation of property was arrived at for each residence in the Township. Also, he further explained the process of filing the final report to Kane County for finalization of property values.

Offutt gave the board a quote from Dell for eight new computers and a backup server. His present computers are not equipped to handle the continuing PAMS software upgrades and the new anti-spam attacks because they still run Windows XP, which is not being supported. Offutt suggested, with the approval of the Town Board, to have the computers which will be replaced cascaded to the Supervisor's office and the Youth Dept. or both. Offutt further explained how this was not an option. This computer system must be replaced ASAP. This is not a final bid, and we are seeking other vendor bids.

**B. Highway Commissioner's Report** - See the attached report. Commissioner Shoemaker's report addressed the following. The storm on June 20, 2014, created quite a bit of tree damage. So, there will be an emergency brush pick up this week. This storm will delay some of our regularly scheduled summer programs, such as road patching and landscaping. We still hope to have all the anticipated work completed by the end of summer. His report further reflected that the roads we repaved this year were striped on Tuesday, July 14.

**C. Supervisor's Report** – Supervisor Catching - Supervisor Catching reported that he attended a steering committee meeting regarding a grant for a study examining the Ride-In-Kane (RIK) program last week with Pace officials and other sponsors. Supervisor Catching read a thank you card from Ruth Vanderberg thanking the Township for the expansion of the RIK boundaries. He stated that he has also received phone calls thanking the Township for the lawn mowing program.

**D. Ride-In-Kane Manager's Report** - by Melissa Franks – Ms. Franks reported that there was an accident involving a Township RIK bus with an automobile. The accident was not our driver's fault. No tickets were issued and the damage was minor. PACE inspections of our fleet is nearing completion.

The Ride-In-Kane also recently received a federal Title XX grant in the amount of \$20,000. The monies from this grant, which we have received for many years, are for free rides which are distributed randomly. She further distributed and discussed the Aurora Township rider report that reflected a welcome ridership increase.

**E. Youth Services Director's Report** - by Scot Thurman – Report attached. Summary – Mr. Thurman reported on the success of Fay's BBQ fundraiser. He further shared with the Board that we received a state grant of \$114,000 to hire summer youth workers. He summarized the following: 1.) Our Summer camp program started 6/16/14. 2.) In our Soccer program, all coaches are now going through a background check which had not been required in the past. 3.) Community service was outlined as to the current case load and he further explained our community service program. 4.) Field trip scheduling is very busy now. 5.) We are now providing summer breakfast and lunch programs for more than 35 sites. 6.) Scot explained the new cash handling procedures at the Youth center. 7.) There are new alarm codes and code assignments for Youth center alarm system. 8.) Now in the process of interviewing Interns for the fall 2014 – 2015 academic year. 9.) We are also recruiting for a part-time after school Coordinator, a part-time Sports coordinator, and also seeking part-time bus drivers.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS –**

**A. Retirement of Hendrik Boer as Chairman of the Aurora Township Senior Citizens Services Committee.** A certificate of appreciation was presented to the Rev. Hendrik Boer for his excellent service as chairman of the Aurora Township Senior Citizen Services Committee. Compliments were given to Rev. Boer by the Township Board, especially from Trustee Hicks who serves with Mr. Boer on another board.

Trustee Moore asked if Ricky Rodgers' youth group had submitted their proposal for funding. Supervisor Catching replied that Mr. Rodgers had done so, but added that that was a foundation issue not a Town Board issue so no action could be taken.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Bobbie Cannon, an audience member, asked if there was a better way to handle Fay's BBQ tickets. She was volunteering in the serving line and could not tell if her friends to whom she had sold tickets had come through the line. Supervisor Catching said he would look into this matter.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** - There will be a TRIAD picnic honoring National Senior Citizens Day on Tuesday, August 12 at the Phillips Park pavilion from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The cost will be \$3.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Moore at 4:53 p.m. Motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014 at 4 p.m. Aurora Township Office – 80 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois.

Respectfully Submitted,

KEN CHRISTY

Aurora Township Clerk

TO: Aurora Township Board

RE: Assessor Report

DATE: July 10, 2014

Jun 26-Jul 09, 2014

Permits processed: 374 / Year to Date: 14168

Sales processed: 68 / Year to Date: 906

Divisions: 89 / Year to Date: 89

Parcel Count: 39,408

We are approximately 89.98% through the reviewing and/or revaluing Aurora Township properties for 2014 payable 2015.

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