

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY, AURORA, IL

Thursday, June 26, 2014

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 June 26th. 2014. Notice was sent to all board members as required by 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 Moore gave the Invocation.

Aurora Township Clerk Ken Christy called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching – Supervisor, Trustees: David Moore, Juanita Wells and Juan Reyna. Trustee Dolores Hicks- Excused Absence

Assessor – Davis Offutt – Present

Highway Commissioner – John Shoemaker --- Present

Staff & Public present – as attached.

II. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on June 12th, 2014, made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee David Moore. 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 Juan Reyna, to approve the Town bills in the amount of \$95,937.38. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Juanita Wells to approve Road District bills in the amount of \$9,197.42 Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Juan Reyna to approve General Assistance bills in the amount of \$5,590.74. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Juan Reyna to approve Mental Health Bills in the amount of \$439,748.54. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee David Moore, to approve bills of Liability Insurance in the amount of \$20,830.50. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

F. Motion made by Supervisor Catching to pay IMRF AND R&B bills in the amount of \$13,955.68. Seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

G. Combined motion by Supervisor Catching to approve SOCIAL SECURITY and R&B SOCIAL SECURITY bills of \$9,797.05. Seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

A. Assessor's Report: Davis Offutt - Attached – Summary : Assessor Offutt reported that the Residential review has been completed for 2014 payable in 2015. All that remains is the review of industrial and business properties. He further reviewed the process of the final filing of all property tax assessments.

B. Highway Commissioner's Report: John Shoemaker– Commissioner John Shoemaker reported That all the flood control systems held during the heavy rainfall this past week. He also reported that a drainage project on Parkside, Oakview and Eastern avenues is in the process of being finished. All systems seem to be working well. He also personally inspected an Oakview Avenue home whose owner had complained to the board recently of water draining off the road towards the home and could find no evidence of that.

C. Supervisor Report: Bill Catching - Supervisor Catching reported that the West Nile Virus has been detected in Kane County and mosquito spraying of Township areas has begun.

He further discussed and reviewed the upcoming open enrollment for Township employees' health insurance plans. The final figures will result in an increase in costs but the cost will depend on how many people select plans. This cost could be as little as 3% or as high as 10%.

Supervisor Catching reported of the problems occurred with our vendor Organic Life in regards to our Breakfast and Lunch programs. There have been many problems in regards to timely delivery of meals, quality of food, freshness of food, and lack of cooperation by Organic Life. Scot Thurman and Vicki Marques are monitoring the situation and have met with company officials and informed them of the problems in writing as well. It is our hope that these problems will be resolved in a positive manner.

Aurora Township's Ride-in-Kane program was discussed. Supervisor Catching is going to meet with the mayor of Aurora with the hope that the City will contribute funds to help with the program. Supervisor Catching also informed the board that the eastern boundaries have been extended back to Route 59, which would include Fox Valley Shopping Center and a large Dreyer Medical Clinic center. The change came in response to a number of complaints about the change in the service area.

Supervisor Catching further informed the Board that we have suspended several people for trips to Hollywood Casino and taverns. He further described the difference in funding in comparison to other neighboring townships. Without additional partners or funding, the Ride-In-Kane program as it stands could be jeopardy in the future. Without more support, the Township will have to only sponsor medical trips because the demand for subsidized trips is only increasing.

Supervisor Catching shared a news release from Aurora Township stating that the unincorporated Aurora Township residents and small businesses can save on their electricity through aggregation.. Through this new agreement, participants will receive a price of 7.2 cents per kilowatt-hour on electricity. They can also opt in to 100% renewable energy at a price of 7.5 kilowatt-hour. These rates are lower than Com Ed's summer rates.

Supervisor Catching shared excerpts from a project done by the Aurora Public Library. Library staff researched Beacon-News articles for information about people buried at the Aurora Township Cemetery. Those articles have been scanned and will be posted on the Township's website soon. Supervisor Catching added that Code Enforcement Officer Clarence Robinson has had a solar light installed on the cemetery's flag pole, which was also repaired.

D. Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Report Attached - Mr. Robinson was introduced to the Board. Trustee Wells asked if you needed a permit to tear down a garage in the unincorporated areas. The reply was yes you need a county permit.

E. General Assistance and Senior Services Report: Manager's Report – As Attached – by Suely Ann Cabral. Summary: 10 clients were approved for financial assistance. One new client was added. Seven clients were approved for emergency assistance. Inquiries continue to come in for assistance with utilities. TRIAD will host their annual picnic on Tuesday, August 12 at Phillips Park from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The fee is \$3.00 to help offset the actual cost. There was a discussion that followed, as to the future of Southeast Kane County TRIAD. Aurora Township is the major sponsor of both the luncheon and the picnic.

It was also reported that the Senior Health Fair, held on Monday, June 16 was a success. Senior Citizens Service committee meets the 4th Friday, of the month at Sunnymere at 9:00 a.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, June 27th.

F. May Financial Report Review– by Patricia Richardson: She reviewed the handout, with the Month-to-date and Year-to-date totals. She also reviewed the statement of Revenues and Expenditures as of May 31, 2014. Her review and report is attached.

V – UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

VI- NEW BUSINESS –

A. Resolution 2014-17, Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics employed on Public Works of Aurora Township and Aurora Township Road District.

This resolution was passed on a motion by Supervisor Catching, Seconded by Trustee: Juan Reyna Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Rebuilding Together Presentation: By Taylor Standish – The mission of this program is to bring volunteers and communities together to make home repairs for qualified low-income homeowners. Aurora Township has partnered with them on their Safe at Home program, whose goal is to provide safe housing in terms of accessibility by ramps to the home and also modify access to such items as walk in showers and other conditions that would make the home unsafe. Volunteers are needed to

help in these projects. With the help of their volunteers, a donation of \$1 can translate into \$4 to \$8 in home improvements.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IX ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Catching thanked everyone who worked to make the Fay's barbeque, which raised \$3,000 for the Township's Youth and Senior Foundation, a success. Clerk Ken Christy thanked Aurora Township for the beautiful floral arrangement that was sent for his wife's twin sister's passing.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee David Moore to move to Executive Session at 4:42 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and personnel. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.


The board reconvened into open session at 4:55 p.m. Roll Call: Present: Catching, Moore, Reyna and Wells.

XI. ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to authorize the Township Supervisor to settle Claim No. 13101E169681 pursuant to the recommendations of our attorneys in a letter dated June 17. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Juan Reyna. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Next regular meeting will be 4 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,



KEN CHRISTY

Aurora Township Clerk



Aurora Township Assessor

Davis R. Offutt

Certified Illinois Assessing Officer - Master #20
State Certified General Real Estate Appraiser #553.000892



TO: Aurora Township Board

RE: Assessor Report

DATE: June 26, 2014

Jun 12-Jun 25, 2014

Permits processed: 225 / Year to Date: 13794

Sales processed: 96 / Year to Date: 838

Divisions: 0 / Year to Date: 0

Parcel Count: 39,420

We are approximately 89.54% 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

**Aggregate Assessed Value According to Property Class
Aurora - 15 2014**

<u>Property Class</u>	<u>Aggregate Assessed Value</u>	<u>Parcel Count</u>
0011 Farm Land with Buildings	\$1,613,470	28
0021 Farm Land without Buildings	\$540,881	167
0030 Residential Vacant Land	\$4,124,751	1,939
0032 Residential Developers Relief 10-30	\$132,949	220
0040 Residential	\$1,075,366,843	32,090
0050 Comm Res More than 6 Units	\$71,894,076	221
0060 Commercial	\$255,991,428	1,985
0062 Commercial Developers Relief 10-30	\$274,187	51
0070 Commercial Office	\$14,160,729	37
0072 Comm Office Developers Relief 10-30	\$50,599	12
0080 Industrial	\$242,221,271	946
0082 Industrial Developers Relief 10-30	\$246,679	18
8000 Exempt	\$0	1,593
8040 Residential Partial Exempt	\$72,596	2
8060 Commercial Partial Exempt	\$233,918	6
8070 Comm Office Partial Exempt	\$75,386	1
8080 Industrial Partial Exempt	\$2,178	1
8260 Commercial Leasehold	\$2,566,992	1
9000 Railroad	\$0	102
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	\$1,669,568,933	39,420

Davis Offutt

From: Kane County Assessment Office
[kaneso@co.kane.il.us]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 11:53 AM
To: assessor@auroratownshipassessor.com
Subject: Assessment changes published and complaint
deadline set for Hampshire Township



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Kane Assessment News, Etc.

A publication of the Kane County Assessment Office
June 23, 2014

Filing Deadlines

By state law, the last day that an assessment complaint may be filed is the close of business on the 30th day after publication in a local newspaper. The only exception is if the County Assessment Office is not open on the 30th day; in that instance, the deadline is automatically extended to the close of business on the next day the office is open.

Assessment changes in **Hampshire** Township are being published today; the filing deadline for this Township is July 23, 2014.

Assessment changes for **Rutland, Dundee, Burlington, Plato, Elgin, Virgil, Campton, St. Charles, Kaneville, Blackberry, Geneva, Batavia, Big Rock, Sugar Grove,** and **Aurora** Townships have not yet been published; as of today, no filing deadline has been established for these townships.

Township Certification Progress

Assessment changes for Hampshire Township published today; final filing deadline set for July 23, 2014

The 2014 assessment changes for one Kane County Township are being published today:

- **Hampshire** Township assessment changes are being published in the *Elgin Courier-News*.

After all revisions and corrections by the Township Assessor are applied, an **equalization factor** is calculated for each Township:

- Each non-farm property in Hampshire Township was equalized with a factor of 1.0000.

To obtain assessment information about a property in any of these townships, please call the Township Assessor's Office or visit the Township Assessor's web site ([directory here](#)).

To obtain complaint forms and a copy of the Rules and Procedures of the Kane County Board of Review, visit www.KaneCountyAssessments.org/AssessmentComplaint.html or call (630) 208-3818.

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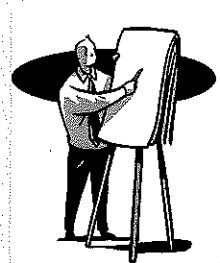
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Pursuant to state law, the deadline to file 2014 assessment complaints for the properties within Hampshire Township is July 23, 2014. No complaint for property in this Township can be accepted after that date.

Property Tax Workshops Begin July 1

The Kane County Board of Review will again offer Property Tax Workshops for Kane County taxpayers in 2014.

The first workshop clinic is set for Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., and it will be held in the Auditorium of Building A of the Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Avenue in Geneva.




Additional workshops are scheduled for July 14, August 5, August 19, September 2, September 16, and September 30. All will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the same location. The workshops will:

- Help taxpayers understand how property taxes work, including how government spending affects property taxes.
- Dispel myths about assessments and their relationships with property taxes.
- Explain the assessment complaint process, and provide the necessary forms and rules for filing complaints.
- Provide an opportunity for taxpayers to make sure they have all homestead exemptions to which they are entitled.

The workshops are not forums to discuss any specific individual assessments; these questions are best directed to the Assessor of the Township in which the property is located.

Both taxpayers and practitioners (attorneys, appraisers, brokers, etc.) are welcome to attend. For more information, call the Board of Review office at (630) 208-3818.

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Hampshire	04/25/14	05/27/14	06/20/14	06/23/14	07/23/14	06/23/14		
Rutland	06/12/14							
Dundee	06/09/14	06/24/14						
Burlington								
Plato								
Elgin	06/20/14							
Virgil	06/09/14	06/24/14						
Campton								
St Charles	06/16/14							
Kaneville								
Blackberry	06/15/14							
Geneva	06/24/14							
Batavia								
Big Rock	05/16/14	05/27/14	06/27/14					
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