

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY
AURORA, ILLINOIS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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 main office, 80 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois, at 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2014. Notice was sent to all board members as required by state statute.

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Dolores Hicks at 4:10 P.M. Justin Shoemaker, a Cub Scout and son of Road Commissioner John Shoemaker, 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 Hicks, Juan Reyna, Juanita Wells, and David Moore. Assessor Davis Offutt and Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker --- Present

Staff and public present – as attached.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 9, 2014, which was seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

III. APPROVAL AND/OR AUDIT OF TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS

A. Motion made by Trustee Hicks and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve the Town Bills in the amount of \$49,226.57. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Road District Bills in the amount of \$27,368.34. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- C. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve General Assistance bills in the amount of \$5,041.01. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- D. Supervisor Catching made a motion, seconded by Trustee Reyna, to approve Mental Health bills in the amount of \$24,939.06. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- E. Supervisor Catching made a motion, seconded by Trustee Wells, to pay IMRF and Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$11,056.88. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- F. Combined motion by Supervisor Catching to approve Social Security and Road and Bridge Social Security bills in the amount of \$5,140.21. Seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

- A. Assessor's Report** - by Davis Offutt – Report Attached – Summary – As of this date, 293 Board of Review fillings have been filed. The Assessor's staff has completed 228 assessment responses to date.
- B. Highway Commissioner's Report** - John Shoemaker – Brush pick up is starting this week. The added new employee has helped increase production for the Highway Department in all aspects of work. They are also taking advantage of good weather to do some additional asphalt patching. All employees have been trained and passed OSHA training for the new 35' bucket truck. The Highway department is well prepared for winter.
- C. Code Enforcement Officer's Report** - Attached – The former sheriff's substation on Farnsworth has been updated to include a full bathroom and other minor repairs and will be listed for sale very soon.
- D. General Assistance Manager's Report** - By Suely Ann Cabral – She reviewed the clients that are receiving General Assistance from the Township. She also reviewed the upcoming events such as Salvation Army Golden Dinner in Dundee and the Annual Pancake Breakfast at Jennings Terrace on November 5.
- E. September Financial Statement Review** – by Patricia Richardson – Ms. Richardson gave an update on Township finances including the first six months of the fiscal year. She is working on a tentative budget for the next fiscal year at the November board meeting for review prior to the tax levy in December.
- F. Supervisor's Report** - By Bill Catching- Supervisor Catching reported that the Township main office's phone was out of order on Friday through Tuesday due to an AT&T problem. Everything is now o.k. Several folders in the Supervisor's main server were hacked, but neither the accounting system or General Assistance files were compromised.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Many Township residents in attendance complimented the Township for the mowing programs and the Township's commitment to Senior Services Programs.

A former employee and a couple other residents talked about changes at the Youth Center and were not satisfied with the new structured programs. There was further discussion with Supervisor Catching, Youth Director Scot Thurman and Trustees Wells and Moore.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Wells stated she rode in the new Township buses from PACE. She also complimented our drivers as very professional. Supervisor Catching mentioned that the old buses are being stored at the Youth Center temporarily until they pass a PACE inspection. The Township is looking to lease a location for a short period of time for the old buses.

IX. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION - Motion to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel and pending litigation by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Wells The motion passed unanimously by voice vote at 4:48 p.m.

X. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – Supervisor Catching made a motion, seconded by Trustee Reyna, to return to open session at 5:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

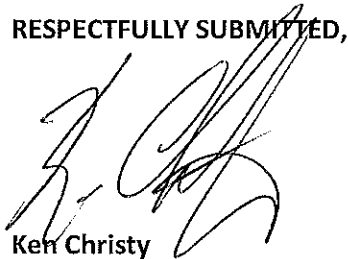
Roll Call by Clerk Christy – at 5:21 p.m. Present – Trustees: David Moore, Juanita Wells, Juan Reyna, Dolores Hicks, Supervisor – Bill Catching

XI. ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Supervisor Catching made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hicks, to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Next meeting - Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Il. 4:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



**Ken Christy
Aurora Township Clerk**