

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

**DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 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, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Notice was sent to 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 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.

Highway Commissioner: John Shoemaker

Assessor: Davis Offutt

Staff and public present. As attached.

- II. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 26, 2013** made by Supervisor Bill Catching, seconded by Trustee Juan Reyna. Passed 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 DOLORES HICKS, TO APPROVE THE TOWN BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,065.44. Motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.**

**B. MOTION MADE BY SUPERVISOR CATCHING AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DAVID MOORE TO APPROVE THE ROAD DISTRICT BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,645.11. Motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.**

**C. MOTION MADE BY SUPERVISOR CATCHING AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JUANITA WELLS TO APPROVE THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 2,513.87. Motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.**

**D. MOTION MADE BY SUPERVISOR CATCHING AND SECONDED BY JUAN REYNA TO PAY IMRF AND R&B IMRF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 10,875.27. Motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.**

**E. COMBINED MOTION BY SUPERVISOR CATCHING to approve SOCIAL SECURITY and R&B SOCIAL SECURITY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT of \$ 5,329.28. Secoded by Trustee Dolores Hicks. Motion Passed unanimously by Voice Vote.**

**IV. REPORTS**

**A. Ride In Kane – Melissa Franks – Ms. Franks stated she is looking forward to the challenge of being the Manager of the Ride In Kane Program. She reported that this previous week, two representatives came out from Pace, one of whom audited our drug and alcohol program. Results of the audit were positive, with minor adjustments. The second representative conducted training on the Trapeze scheduling program. We are also in the process of testing hands-free devices for our buses as now required by state law. Ridership summary report is attached showing 1522 for December, and the wait list is now up to 217. Supervisor Catching commented that we, at the end of the month, will no longer give rides outside of Kane County. This will cut our expenses immediately. He has had a discussion with the Mayor of Aurora on some sort of partnership to off -set the expenses of the Ride In Kane program. He further reported that he is looking into the possibility of an advisory panel made up of Township riders.**

**B. Assessor's Report - by Davis Offutt – Report Attached – Summary -**

**Supervisor Offutt reported that he will be attending BOARD OF REVIEW HEARINGS. At this point Clerk Ken Christy, as per State Statute, administered the Oath of Office to Township Assessor, Davis Offutt. Congratulations on a job well done to Assessor Davis Offutt.**

C. Highway Commissioner's Report - John Shoemaker - Commissioner -

Mr. Shoemaker described the procedures implemented on the recent snow event on how the roads were treated with a combination of salt, beet juice, sand and plowing. Very informative to the Board. Commissioner Shoemaker issued new parking restrictions for resident parking in the Township. These were signed by Clerk - Ken Christy. These Ordinances will give the County police authority to ticket and tow cars in violation. Because the A lift is being looked at for purchase by the Township.

Commissioner Shoemaker complimented the great job during the last snow event to his staff, his backup, and especially Jason Owens.

D. Supervisor's Report - Supervisor - Bill Catching

The Township provided for those who needed it busing, as per a City of Aurora request, to various warming centers during the last winter storm and sub-zero temperatures.

In reference to the former sheriff's police substation on Farnsworth owned by the Township, Supervisor Catching reported the following. We are in the process of cleaning up the furniture and materials left behind. Some has gone to the Youth center for re-use. The rest will be discarded. The furnace at the sub-station was fixed temporarily by a contractor on an emergency basis, but we will need a new furnace in this facility. We are waiting for the appraisal from Gary Popp.

The two part-time positions, H.R. Manager and Dispatcher, remain open, and the search will continue.

E. Youth Services Director's Report - Scot Thurman - Scot reported that the Township helped take down the Festival of Lights at Phillips Park. Pizza was provided to the workers by Highway Commissioner Shoemaker. Two new interns will be starting in the spring for two days a week, eight hours a day. One of the interns will stay on through the summer. Their work assignments will be evaluated by Sarah Paul.

A new gym divider has been installed at the youth center. A special thanks to Dan Taylor in supervising this installation. Middle school basketball and elementary school basketball is starting. Participants will buy their own uniforms. We are looking into the possibility of using the vacant field next to the Youth center. We have been the Recipient of a grant from the Carson Family Foundation of \$3,000.00. This grant was used to buy a pool table, foosball table and other sports equipment. We have also received a grant of \$500.00 from the Kiwanis Club. To date we have received approximately \$47,000 in grants. Mr. Thurman also reported on a new background check procedure for coaches and other volunteers by the Fox Valley Park District Police in cooperation with the Illinois State police.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS - None**

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS –** Hector Ochoa serves as Chairman of the Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board and invited the board to their 2014 community breakfast. At this Breakfast, students from the Aurora community who have achieved excellence in academics, athletics and leadership, will be recognized. The breakfast will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2014, from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m, at the Gas Light Manor, 2485 Church Road Aurora, IL at \$20 per person. Mr. Ochoa asked in the future, in reference to the Township board minutes on the website, could attachments be published with minutes. Supervisor Catching answered in the affirmative.

There was a discussion by various members of the Township Board as to the benefits in net working with as many private and public contacts as possible, for further building of the Township programs.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS -** As noted the Township has been informed of the passing of Nanon Curry. Nan as a regular attendee and supporter at the Youth and Community Senior Center.

**IX - ADJOURNMENT – MOTION TO ADJOURN - --** by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Juanita Wells at 5:18 p.m. Passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**KEN CHRISTY**  
Aurora Township Clerk

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 – 4:00 P.M**  
**MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY, AURORA, IL.**



TO: Aurora Township Board

RE: Assessor Report

DATE: January 9, 2014

Dec 26, 2013-Jan 08, 2014

Permits processed: 54

Sales processed: 105

Divisions: 0

Parcel Count: 39,382

I will be attending the Board of Review hearings on the afternoon of January 9<sup>th</sup> and unable to attend the Town Board meeting. If you have a question on any of the Assessor bills please call me on my cell at 630-258-1112.

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