

AURORA TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY, AURORA, ILLINOIS

4 p.m. May 28, 2015

- 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, Illinois, at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2015. 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 Dolores Hicks gave the Invocation.

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

II. Approval of the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 8, 2015, made by Supervisor Catching, Seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

III. Approval of the minutes of the Public Hearing of May 14, 2015, made by Supervisor Catching, Seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 14, 2015 made by Supervisor Catching, Seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

V. Approval and/or Audit of Township and Road District Bills

A. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$111,538.30. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$11,912.84 The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$3,034.84. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

D. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve Liability Insurance Fund bills in the amount of \$42,494.00. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

E. Combined motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve IMRF and Road and Bridge IMRF Fund bills in the amount of \$10,445.49 The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

F. Combined motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve Social Security and Road and Bridge Social Security Fund bills in the amount of \$5,174.01. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

G. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve Mental Health Fund in the amount of \$104,087.46. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

VI. REPORTS

A. Assessor's Report - Assessor Davis Offutt - Report Attached – Summary: The office has revalued all of the Aurora Township residential parcels. As of May 12, 2015, they have revalued 36,265 parcels. All properties will receive the equalization notices for 2015.

B. Highway Commissioner's Report - Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker reported that the resurfacing of Township roads by Geneva Construction is going very smoothly. The dead end streets at Gates and Union are being re-done. The lawn moving program is doing well. They are working on shoulders throughout the Township. He also shared the cost analysis on the pending Rural Street bridge reconstruction.

C. Supervisor Report –Supervisor Catching reported we will be transporting 30-40 members of the Fox Valley Veterans Club to Munster, Indiana, to visit the Community Veterans Memorial, on June 4th. The Township will also be providing shuttle transportation on June 13 for the Aurora Greenfest at the Prisco Community Center. The bus garage lease has been extended for two years. Terms remain the same at \$20,369.00 per year. There will be two retirement parties, Marti Cross from the Mental Health Board on June 24th at Orchard Valley and Cecelia Sanders of Sunnymere on Thursday, June 25th, at Sunnymere.

The Wellness on Wheels trailer visit has been rescheduled and will be at the Youth Center from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on June 18th. There will be breast cancer screening as well as screening for STDs and HIV.

Catching also read a complimentary email that citizen Barb Berry wrote him about our Township lawn services.

D Code Enforcement Officer's Report - Report Attached – by Clarence Robinson – the report was shared with the Board.

E. General Assistance Manager's Report – by Suely Ann Cabral – Attached - Summary: She reported on financial assistance to citizens. The Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging had their annual meeting on April 10, and on April 11, the Latina Health fair in Aurora occurred. She also reviewed the SCSC program to train low-income seniors for employment .

F. April 2015 Financial Statement Review – by Chief of Staff Patricia Richardson She reported that the initial installment of property taxes were received on May 27th. The first full installment will be at the end of June. She is preparing for the audit, which will begin on June 8.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Everyone wished Bill Catching a Happy Birthday!

Juanita Wells reported on a property tax seminar that she attended at the Eola Library, which was sponsored by State Rep. Stephanie Kifowit. Property taxes were explained and discussed.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peggy Hicks thanked the Township Supervisor Bill Catching and Trustee David Moore for their help in supporting the Youth Impact Conference. They would like to do this again in August. The Conference was well attended.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. John Shoemaker announced that at 10 a.m. on June 3rd. at West Aurora High School, a press conference will be held to announce that his son Will Shoemaker will receive a scholarship for volleyball to Trinity Christian College. The board offered their congratulations to him and his son.

B. Fay's BBQ tickets are available for the Township Foundation's fundraiser. So far, we have \$1,600 from Sponsors. The event will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on June 29 at the Youth Center.

C. The Aurora late night event will be held on the first Tuesday in August- details to follow.

D. The African American Men of Unity Juneteenth celebration will take place on June 20th. starting at 2:00 p.m. at Martin Luther King Park.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Catching at 4:28 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Christy', written in a cursive style.

Ken Christy
Aurora Township Clerk