

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY
AURORA, IL.
4 P.M. on July 9, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

II. 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, July 9, 2015. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by statute.

III. Aurora Township Supervisor, Bill Catching, called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. J.C. Reyna, son of Trustee Juan Reyna, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Dolores Hicks gave the Invocation.

IV. Aurora Township Clerk Ken Christy called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Supervisor Bill Catching, Trustees David Moore, Dolores Hicks, Juanita Wells, and Juan Reyna; and Assessor Davis Offutt.

Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker -Excused Absence

Staff & Public present – as attached.

V. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 25, 2015, made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

VI. Approval and/ or Audit of Township and Road District bills

A. Motion to approve Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$100,018.37 made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Motion to approve Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$14,705.27, made by Supervisor Catching, and seconded by Trustee Reyna. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Motion to approve General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$51,876.64 made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

D. Combined motion to approve IMRF and Road and Bridge IMRF Fund bills in the amount of \$26,918.80 made by Supervisor Catching and Seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

E. Combined motion to approve Social Security and Road and Bridge Social Security Fund bills in the amount of \$6,052.59, made by Supervisor Catching and Seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

VII. REPORTS

A. Assessor's Report - Davis Offutt – Attached Summary: The Equalization Factor for Aurora Township for the 2015 tax year is 1.0881. This means that the Equalized Assessed Valuations submitted by the Aurora Township Assessor's Office will be increased by that factor. Mr. Offutt explained how the 2015 equalization was determined. In summary, the parcels are undervalued by the Assessor's office and then the County Assessor's office adjusts the assessments higher across the board.

B. Highway Commissioner's Report - was given by Jason Owens in the absence of Commissioner John Shoemaker. He reported that the Highway department was done with many re-surfacing projects and was transitioning to shoulder work on Township roads. Despite the heavy rains, the lawn mowing program for seniors is doing well with few complaints.

C. Supervisor Report –Supervisor Catching stated that open enrollment for employees' benefits is ongoing with the help of our broker Stumm Insurance. We have decided to discontinue offering Aflac as an additional employee benefit and are offering Colonial Life products to our employees instead. The Township does not pay additional costs for either Aflac or now Colonial Life other than offering payroll deduction for our employees. Colonial Life offers similar products – additional life insurance, ADD coverage, cancer coverage – at a lower cost than Aflac. For our health insurance program through Blue Cross/Blue Shield, we only had an increase of about 4% in premiums – much less than the previous year and well within what we budgeted. We are considering a second open enrollment to save more money in health insurance costs through the Affordable Care Act exchanges on January 1.

Our Fay's BBQ event was a great success serving a record 483 meals. We also doubled our sponsorship levels from the past year. Supervisor Catching thanked all the contributors, volunteers and staff who made the event a success.

The participation by the Township in the Aurora 4th of July parade was well received by the onlookers and those who participated by riding on a float (donated by the City of Aurora) and Township van manned by Township seniors. We also had a large contingent from one of our soccer teams, The Warriors.

Catching also informed the board that he had signed a memorandum of understanding with Communities in Schools and the Quad County Urban League for future work together as part of a grant application.

D. Ride In Kane Manager's Report – Ridership report attached – Melissa Wilmot reported that two new drivers have been hired and two more will be starting soon. This will help us to expand our ridership participation. We still have the old PACE buses stored at the Highway department awaiting final inspections before returning them to Pace.

E. Youth Services Director's Report - Report Attached - Scot Thurman reviewed the report with the Board addressing the following items: The Soccer program, the Basketball program, Summer camp, Lunch and Snack program at 31 sites, Community Services, Senior activities, Grant opportunities, Fay's BBQ, and several events hosted at the Youth center, especially the Memorial Fundraiser Saturday, July 25th, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Youth center, to help with expenses incurred by the Alanis family's recent tragedy.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

IX. NEW BUSINESS - None

X. BOARD COMMENTS: Trustee Wells commented and reviewed several events and programs she attended including Main Baptist Church's "Keeping It Real Program," a coffee with State Rep. Linda Chapa-LaVia, and The Elks Convention in Springfield, Illinois. From the Elks convention, she shared many issues including 10 Rules on How to Deal with the Police.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several Seniors were in attendance and commented on their participation at Fay's BBQ and the 4th of July parade. They stated they had a great time and that their participation was a way to say thank you to the Township for the Township's support of Senior Services. A big thank you from the Board was extended for helping out at these events.

East Aurora School Board president Annette Johnson gave an update as to what was happening with the East Side Schools, such as full day preschool, full-time kindergarten and free summer Sports programs.

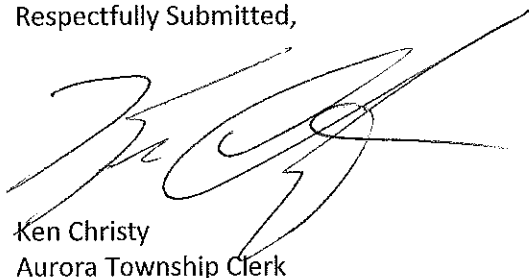
Peggy Hicks commented on an event to be held August 21st, by the Illinois African American and Latino Family Commission forum, with details to follow.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend the Township is sponsoring the Northern Illinois Tejano Cultural Society Event in South Elgin on July 11th.

Motion for Adjournment was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks at 4:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ken Christy
Aurora Township Clerk

