

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

DATE March 26, 2015

Time: 4:00 P.M.

- 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, March 26, 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 Catching, Trustees Juanita Wells, Hicks, and Juan Reyna. Assessor Davis Offutt and Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker were also present.

Trustee David Moore – Excused absence

Staff & Public present -- as attached.

II. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 12, 2015, made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Juanita Wells. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

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 Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 45,819.62. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

B. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Juan Reyna, to approve Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$ 23,495.18. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

C. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Juanita Wells, to approve General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$5,864.49. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

D. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Dolores Hicks, to approve Building and Equipment Fund bills in the amount of \$ 47,725.00. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

E. Combined motion made by Supervisor Catching and Seconded by Trustee Juan Reyna, to approve IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF bills in the amount of \$ 10,630.99. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

F. Combined motion by Supervisor Catching to approve SOCIAL SECURITY and R&B SOCIAL SECURITY Fund bills in the amount of \$ 5,019.69. Seconded by Trustee Juanita Wells. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. REPORTS

A. Assessor's Report - by Assessor Davis Offutt . His report is attached. In summary, The deputy Assessors are continuing the revalue process for 2015. Because this is a quadrennial year, we will be publishing assessed values for all township properties. In the other three years, only properties that were revalued by the local Assessor received notices and were published in the newspaper. Assessor Offutt reported that the Township is 88% residential.

B. Highway Commissioner's Report - by Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker. Shoemaker reported that the Road District has purchased a used jetter as reflected on the meeting's bills. The area at Deerpath and Oak Street has been resurfaced and the area has been cleared of brush and trees. Notices are being sent out to Township residents for spring brush pick-up. Notice is also on the Road District's web site.

C. Supervisor Report – by Bill Catching. The property adjacent to the YMCA has tentatively been leased by the Township at a cost of \$1,000.00 per season. We must maintain the property and produce proof of insurance. The Township will seek permission to place signs up to prevent dog droppings. Lawn mowing announcements have been sent out to participants in the program. Supervisor Catching led a discussion about the Township's Facebook page. Supervisor Catching had lunch with code enforcement officer Robinson, who is recovering from shoulder surgery. He may not be back able to return until May or June.

D. Code Enforcement Officer's Report – Attached

E. General Assistance Manager's Report - by Suely Ann Cabral – Attached –Summary: The Board was updated on new clients, Senior Service events, the TRIAD round table on March 27th, and the African-American health fair event on March 28th, at Aurora Christian School, 2255 W. Sullivan, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

F. Presentation of February Financial Statement – by Chief of Staff – Patricia Richardson – Ms. Richardson reviewed February numbers and was working on final numbers for the Annual Town Meeting.

V – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2015-4 Intergovernmental Agreement with Aurora Township Road District to provide Senior Mowing Services for 2015 Season. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Juan Reyna. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

VI -- NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2015-7 - Transfer of Appropriation -- Town Fund - was passed on a motion by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.
- B. Resolution 2015-8 - Transfer of Appropriation -- General Assistance Fund -- passed on a motion by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.
- C. Approval of Agenda for Annual Town Meeting, April 14, 2015 Subject to correction of Fund name in Resolution to Transfer Surplus Road & Bridge Social Security Funds, a motion to approve by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.
- D. Tentative Approval of the 2015-2016 Town Budget and Road District Budget -- Both budgets will be posted publicly for 30 days followed by a public hearing to approve.
- E. Ordinance 2015-9 to Vacate Property -- McClure Street -- As required by law, a public hearing was held at 3:30 p.m. on March 26, 2015 at the Township offices. The property in question will be vacated subject to an easement to the City of Aurora for by the new owners. Motion passed on a roll call vote. AYE: Supervisor Catching, Trustees: Juan Reyna, Dolores Hicks, Juanita Wells. NO: None
- F. A discussion was held in regards to Governor Rauner's plan to create right to work zones. Supervisor Catching said that he would prepare a resolution for board consideration at the next meeting.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

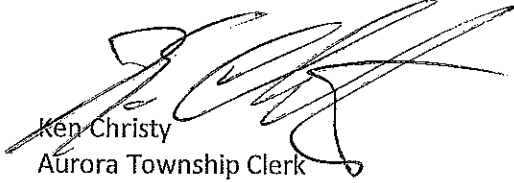
VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Chief Of Staff Patricia Richardson announced letters will be sent to Board members in regards to audit by accountants. Audit fieldwork will begin the week of June 8.
- B. The 'old' fleet of Pace buses that are to be returned to Pace very soon are being moved from leased space to the Road District property. Supervisor Catching said that he appreciated the cooperation of the Road District.
- C. Supervisor Bill Catching will be a guest speaker March 27th, at 2:30 -- 3:30 p.m. at the Prisco Center at a news conference hosted by the Quad County Urban League. All are invited.
- D. Trustee Wells reported on the T.O.I. conference she attended. Trustee Wells informed the Board on the various items discussed, such as Facebook page and means of outreach on social media, and how to educate the public on Township programs.
- E. On April 9, Rush Copley will be hosting a health fair at noon at Rush Copley Hospital.
- F. Buses will be provided by the Township to transport seniors from Senior Service Associates to two Kane County Cougar games on June 17th, and July 13th as we have in the past.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Hicks, at 4:48 P.M. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ken Christy
Aurora Township Clerk

