

**Aurora Township**

**Public Hearing**

**Main Offices, 80 North Broadway**

**Aurora, IL.**

**Date: Thursday, June 9, 2016**

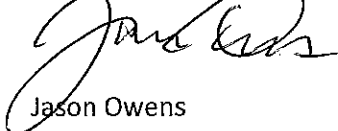
**Time: 3:30 P.M.**

**Minutes**

- I. The Public Hearing was called to order at 3:30 p.m. for the purposes of discussing the Aurora Township Budget and the Aurora Township Road District Budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.
- II. Clerk Owens read the Notices of Public Hearing on the Aurora Township Budget and the Aurora Township Road District Budget for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2017.
- III. Public Comments
  - a. Patricia Richardson, Chief of Staff, walked through the highlights of the Aurora Township Budget as presented.
    - i. Beginning balance of the Town Fund is \$1,090,000. This includes an increased expenditure of \$58,000 from last year's budget to reduce the current IMRF deficit of \$120,000. This year's budget has an \$80,000 line item to pay down the deficit and Ms. Richardson anticipates two years of payments to eliminate the deficit entirely.
    - ii. In the Town Fund, administration costs are up a little because our receptionist position was moved to the Town Fund instead of the General Assistance (GA) Fund.
    - iii. Currently, clients must be at - or below - 100% of the HUD poverty level to qualify for GA benefits and assistance. Consequently, many potential clients are not qualifying for benefits, which has led to an increase in Emergency Fund requests. Supervisor Catching said he has increased the average Emergency Fund award to \$550 (from \$350) and hopes to increase assistance levels in the future.
    - iv. A \$70,000 line item exists for purchasing new vehicles, but this will be one of the first items to be eliminated if the 22% increase in health insurance care costs stands. We did not anticipate an increase of this amount. We can also potentially use funds budgeted for building maintenance although we have been having significant roof leaks for the past two years.

- v. All other line items in the budget are roughly the same as last year. The PACE/Ride In Kane expenses seem to have leveled off.
  - vi. Ms. Richardson expects to end the fiscal year with \$1,010,000 in reserves.
  - b. Patricia Richardson and Jason Owens, in his capacity as Project Coordinator of the Aurora Township Road District, walked through the highlights of the Aurora Township Road District Budget as presented.
    - i. Owens mentioned that the Road District had appropriated and budgeted for the complete payment for the Road District's IMRF deficit, but the transfers from reserves to make the payment will be held until the end of the fiscal year in the event that any emergency expenditures are necessary during the year.
  - c. Supervisor Catching asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the Board Members or the public. None were offered.
- IV. Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells at 3:43 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Owens  
Aurora Township Clerk

**Aurora Township**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Main Offices, 80 North Broadway**

**Aurora, IL.**

**Date: Thursday, June 9, 2016**

**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, Aurora, IL, at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2016. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by statute.

Aurora Township Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Supervisor Catching led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Hicks gave the invocation.

Aurora Township Clerk Jason Owens called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching – Supervisor; Trustees: Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Juan Reyna, Juanita Wells.

Clerk Jason Owens – Present.

Assessor Davis Offutt – Excused Absent.

Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker – Excused Absent.

Staff and Public present – see attached.

- II. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on May 26, 2016 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### III. Approval and/or Audit of Township and Road District Bills.

- a. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount of **\$47,543.16**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of **\$12,310.75**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of **\$8,372.17**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve the combined IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF Funds bills in the amount of **\$11,283.64**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the combined Social Security and Road & Bridge Social Security bills in the amount of **\$5,272.83**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### IV. Reports

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Report attached. Summary: The Assessor's office has revalued 100% of Aurora Township and the Assessor books will be delivered to the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments Office on Wednesday, June 15, 2016.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – Report Attached. Summary: Resurfacing program is approximately 50% complete due to weather delays. 30'x30' tent will be set up for Aurora Green Fest. Weather has impacted the Senior Lawn Mowing program, but they are working through any complaints. Thanked Laurie Stone for spending time at ATHD ahead of new employee handbook being presented on June 14.
- c. **Supervisor's Report** – Bill Catching. Summary: Supervisor Catching reported that he and Trustee Wells attended a Paratransit panel hosted by U.S. Congressman Bill Foster on June 6, 2016. He said that the meeting was informative and mentioned that PACE representatives stated that the possibility of online scheduling is being investigated. Catching also reported that a letter will be sent out to the electrical aggregation participants to suggest that they switch to ComEd because they are now cheaper than the aggregated rate by \$5 to \$10 per month.
- d. **Ride In Kane Manager's Report** – Melissa Wilmot. Report attached. Summary: Ms. Wilmot reported that two new part time drivers are being added, which allow for all routes to be open. Ms. Wilmot also said a mechanical problem at the garage (no garage openers would work when garage light was on) is being addressed by the landlord. Ms. Wilmot stated that the new fiscal year for Title XX began and she will be busy with new paperwork and processes for the foreseeable future. Trustee Hicks asked if the Title XX riders were eligible for free train rides as well as bus rides. Ms. Wilmot responded that Title XX only applies for riders of our service. Trustee Wells asked about the policy for

helping seniors from their homes into the bus. Ms. Wilmot said drivers are not allowed to help for liability reasons. The program is legally curb-to-curb. Ms. Wilmot stated that she informs seniors when they first apply of the curb-to-curb policy and that caregivers ride for free. Ms. Wilmot also said that RIK registrations must be completed in person or by someone with power of attorney.

- e. **Youth Services Director's Report** – Scot Thurman. Report attached. Summary: Mr. Thurman reported that Saturday, June 11, would be a busy day for the Youth Center. They will have programs going on at Phillips Park (Boats for Kids), the Township soccer fields, Aurora Green Fest (Prisco Community Center) and the Youth Center (basketball tryouts). Mr. Thurman reports that he is working on a new grant with the Aurora Public Library to promote literacy for at-risk teens. Mr. Thurman said that a camp counselor orientation was held on Wednesday, June 8. Trustee Reyna asked when summer camps begin and Mr. Thurman said they begin the week of June 13. Mr. Thurman also reported that the lunch program has started and has run well so far. Trustee Hicks said that next year's Boats for Kids event will be scheduled so as not to conflict with Aurora GreenFest and take place after the start of summer camps. Trustee Hicks also reminded the Board that swimming lessons were still planned for later in the summer.

**V. Unfinished Business**

None.

**VI. New Business**

- a. **Resolution 2016-16 Approval of Aurora Township Appropriations Ordinance for fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.** Supervisor Catching explained that the required public hearing was held at 3:30 p.m. on June 9, 2016.

Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Resolution 2016-16 Approval of Aurora Township Appropriations Ordinance for fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. Clerk Owens called roll for vote. Yes votes: Catching, Hicks, Moore, Reyna, Wells. No votes: None. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Resolution 2016-17 Approval of Aurora Township Road District Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.** Supervisor Catching explained that the required public hearing was held at 3:30 p.m. on June 9, 2016.

Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve Resolution 2016-17 Approval of Aurora Township Road District Appropriations Ordinance for fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. Clerk Owens called roll for vote. Yes votes: Catching, Hicks, Moore, Reyna, Wells. No votes: None. Motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Reyna reported that the Vet Week was a huge success and a lot of work. He reported that the turnout was impressive and they hope to have a bigger turnout next year.

Trustee Moore said that he attended the recent 708 Board meeting and was very thankful and enthusiastic about the Township's transparency and efficiency while dealing with the 708 Board. He thanked Supervisor Catching for bringing about this change.

Supervisor Catching reported that Jim Hopp is moving from the Aurora 708 Board to the INC Board of Directors. This will create a vacancy that will require a nomination from the Township Board of Trustees. There is also a current member that is ill and may need to resign from the Aurora 708 Board, which would also require a nomination from the Township Board of Trustees. Catching also thanked Trustee Wells and Commissioner Shoemaker for walking with the Township during the Memorial Day parade. He also mentioned that he would extend an invitation to the Township's youth soccer teams to walk in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Catching also mentioned that he is investigating the purchase of a banner to hang on the outside of a Ride in Kane bus during parades to advertise the program.

Trustee Hicks asked for a sign advertising the Senior Center participants on their parade bus. Catching said he would investigate that as well.

## **VIII. Public Comments**

Bobbie Cannon congratulated the success of Vet Week and the parade, but wanted to mention that she felt the residents that brought dogs were not properly handling the dogs around children and seniors. Ms. Cannon suggested that a dedicated section for residents with dogs be created for future parades.

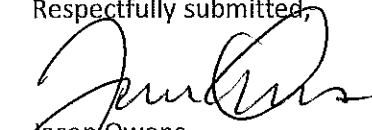
## **IX. Announcements**

- a. Tickets are available for The Foundation for Aurora Township Senior and Youth Services 5B's BBQ Dinner, Monday, June 20, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Trustee Hicks said that she is emphasizing the "fundraiser" aspect of the event if she encounters any resistance to purchase tickets since Fay's BBQ isn't involved.
- b. Trustee Wells mentioned that she has tickets available for the Latin American Democratic Organization Fundraiser on June 11, 2016 (12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) for \$25 per person or \$45 per family.
- c. Trustee Hicks handed out a flier for the Fox Valley Ministerial Alliance's fundraiser breakfast on Saturday, June 25, 2016 (8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) at New Covenant Church, 1029 Kane St. Tickets are \$10 per person. Delivery is available for orders of 3 or more.

- X. **Adjournment to Executive Closed Session** – Motion to adjourn to executive closed session to discuss personnel was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks. Clerk Owens called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members voting “Yes”: Supervisor Bill Catching, Trustee Delores Hicks, Trustee David Moore, Trustee Juan Reyna and Trustee Juanita Wells. Board adjourned to Executive Session at 4:45 p.m.
- XI. **Reconvene to Open Session** – Motion to reconvene to open session made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 4:54 p.m.
- XII. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum** – Clerk Owens called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching – Supervisor; Trustees: Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Juan Reyna and Juanita Wells.
- XIII. **Action Resulting from Executive Closed Session** – Supervisor Catching stated that no action would be taken at this time as a result of the Executive Closed Session.
- XIV. **Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 4:55 p.m.

**Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Owens  
Aurora Township Clerk