

**Aurora Township**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Main Offices, 80 North Broadway**

**Aurora, IL.**

**Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017**

**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, January 12, 2017. 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 – Present.

Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker – Excused Absence.

Staff and Public present – see attached.

- II. Motion to approve the amended minutes of the regular Board meeting held on December 22, 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 **\$31,720.36**. 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 **\$31,057.97**. 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 **\$5,436.05**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve the Equipment & Building Fund bills in the amount of **\$2,760.91**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the combined IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF Funds bills in the amount of **\$8,687.00**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- f. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the combined Social Security and Road & Bridge Social Security bills in the amount of **\$5,372.42**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### IV. Reports

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Davis Offutt. Summary: All Board of Review cases are complete. Kane County will certify the 2016 Equalized Assessed Valuation within the next 2 weeks.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – Jason Owens. Summary: ATHD is accruing a significant amount of overtime to handle the snow events. With cold weather, we have more days spent in the shop and a goodly portion of the shop time is spent fixing equipment breakdowns. Supervisor Catching complimented the ATHD on their handling of the snow.
- c. **Supervisor's Report** – Bill Catching. Summary: Supervisor Catching reported that they have ordered a 2016 Ford Taurus for the Youth and Senior Center to replace a very old Dodge Dart. Catching said the money for the vehicle was appropriated in the budget. Catching also reported that longtime neighborhood activist Pat Meyer passed away over the holiday break and sends condolences to the family.
- d. **Ride In Kane Manager's Report** – Moved to next meeting. Supervisor Catching said that Melissa Wilmot's father passed away and extended condolences to her and her family.
- e. **Youth Services Manager's Report** – Scot Thurman. Summary: Mr. Thurman reported that several grant checks arrived over the holidays, including \$3000 from the Carson Family Fund, \$3000 from the 1221 Fund and \$100 from the Women's Club of Aurora. Mr. Thurman said these funds will be used to purchase indoor soccer goals and balls, basketball equipment and upgrade the portable bleachers for the gymnasium. Trustee Reyna asked about the portable bleachers and Mr. Thurman said the new bleachers are

more substantial and will continue to allow spectators for the indoor events. Thurman also said a new, one hour per week, youth karate program will begin soon. Mr. Thurman also said he is working on the marketing for the senior line dancing program.

**V. Unfinished Business**

None.

**VI. New Business**

- a. Resolution 2017-01 A Resolution To Provide For the Submission Of A Public Question To The Voters Of Aurora Township, Kane County, Illinois, At The Consolidated Election To Be Held On April 4, 2017 To Authorize The Levy Of A New Tax For The Sole And Exclusive Purpose Of Providing Services To Senior Citizens In The Township.**

Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Resolution 2017-01 which presents a resolution to provide for the submission of a Public Question to the voters of Aurora Township, Kane County, Illinois, at the Consolidated Election to be held on April 4, 2017 to authorize the Levy of a New Tax for the Sole and Exclusive Purpose of Providing Services to Senior Citizens in the Township.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching stated that Elgin Township agreed earlier this week to place this issue on the ballot. Catching thanked Supervisor Annette Miller of Elgin Township for sharing their legal research while creating the proposed resolution. The resolution will allow a binding referendum to be placed on the April 4 ballot asking township voters to levy an additional \$450,000 in real estate taxes for the township to support senior services. Catching also thanked Bette Schoenholtz, Executive Director of Senior Services Associates (SSA), for her efforts. Ms. Schoenholtz said she was delighted that the Board was considering the resolution and allowing it be placed on the ballot in April. Ms. Schoenholtz reiterated that the monies raised by this resolution are definitely needed as the County is growing so fast, state funding is uncertain, residents are aging and Senior Services is currently understaffed. Trustee Moore stated that it was appropriate that the electors of Aurora Township be given the final word on this matter.

Clerk Owens called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members voting "Yes": Supervisor Bill Catching, Trustee Dolores Hicks, Trustee David Moore, Trustee Juan Reyna and Trustee Juanita Wells. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**VII. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Moore asked for the extra Aurora Township flag to be located and placed in the Board Room.

Trustee Wells reported that several of her clients at AID, where she works part time, were talking positively about the Ride in Kane program, particularly about the rides allowing them to get to work on time. Supervisor Catching said that they were having some issues with a secondary service provider, but those issues seemed to have been resolved by PACE. Catching asked that any feedback about the Ride in Kane program received by the trustees, good or bad, be brought back to the Board.

**VIII. Public Comments**

**Helen Ratzlow** - Ms. Ratzlow offered that some of her clients are able to utilize Ride In Kane services and are very happy with the service.

**Scot Thurman** – Mr. Thurman said he is working with VNA to hand out information on the aerobics classes and other events at the Youth and Senior Center in an effort to increase participation.

**IX. Announcements**

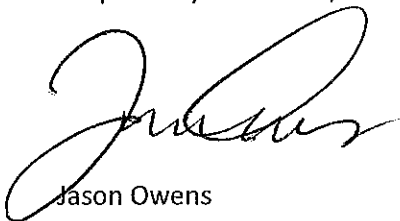
Supervisor Catching wished Trustee Hicks “Happy birthday!” and Trustee Reyna “Happy Anniversary!”

Trustee Hicks announced that the Senior Center will be hosting the latest in a series of presentations on “Senior Conditions” on Friday, January 13, at the Senior Center. Lunch will be served and a nurse from Rush Copley Medical Center will talk about stroke indications and the process of treatment for people who suffer a stroke.

- X. Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 4:27 p.m.

**Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Owens  
Aurora Township Clerk