

**Aurora Township**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Main Offices, 80 North Broadway**

**Aurora, IL.**

**Date: Thursday, July 13, 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, July 13, 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 Deputy Clerk, Jason Owens, called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching – Supervisor; Trustees: Delores Hicks, David Moore, Juanita Wells (arrived after bills were audited and approved) and Brenda Hernandez. Clerk Reginald Campbell – Excused Absent.  
Assessor Davis Offutt – Present.  
Highway Commissioner Juan Reyna – Present.

Staff and Public present – see attached.

- II. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on June 22, 2017 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Moore. 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 **\$63,445.31**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of **\$43,384.02**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of **\$1,864.59**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the Equipment & Building Fund bills in the amount of **\$4,741.32**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the CDAP Fund bills in the amount of **\$5,314.82**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- f. 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 **\$17,929.35**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- g. 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 **\$12,355.71**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- h. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the Mental Health Fund bills in the amount of **\$39,989.59**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- i. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Joint Bridge Fund bills in the amount of **\$74.25**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**IV. Reports**

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Davis Offutt. Summary: Assessor Offutt reported that they have revalued 100% of Aurora Township and expect to turn in their books to the Kane County Assessor before the next Board meeting.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – Juan Reyna. Summary: Commissioner Reyna introduced Celia Rodriguez, who is training to replace the office manager when she retires at the end of the year. Ms. Rodriguez is a U.S. Army veteran and has significant administration experience. Reyna reported that he and a couple of the ATHDS crew assisted Rebuilding Together Aurora at one of their locations with brush removal and attended the dedication service. Reyna also mentioned a set of storm sewer access points were cleaned out on Church Road.

- c. **Supervisor's Report – Bill Catching.** Summary: Supervisor Catching passed along an update on the new roof from Ted Mesiacos. Catching reported that the City of Aurora will be sealcoating the parking lot to the south of the Township office next Monday. Catching updated the Board on several of the recent CDAP loan applications – none have funded at this point for various reasons, with the only application in serious peril being the Aurora Arts Center project as the developer refuses to accept any lien responsibility if the project fails. Catching said the final approval of the loan application will rest upon COA's willingness to further guarantee the loan. Catching lead a discussion on the open enrollment for medical insurance. Catching said health expenses increased by 26% this year over last year. After checking pricing with other insurance providers, this increase was determined to be the best scenario in terms of finances and employee comfort. Catching reiterated to the Board that the Township pays 85% of the cost of the health insurance provided to employees. He also mentioned that as part of the coverage, all employees will be required to undergo a physical before open enrollment in 2018 or they may face a policy surcharge. Additionally, Catching reported, the Township is considering adding a future surcharge for employees' spouses who are covered under Township insurance, but eligible for health insurance coverage through their own employers. The Board discussed the merits of the surcharge.
- d. **Ride in Kane Manager's Report – Melissa Wilmot.** Summary: Ms. Wilmot reported the department is currently undergoing an audit of client files. Wilmot also said the drivers are being retrained on the free ride policy under Title 20.
- e. **Youth Services Director's Report – Scot Thurman.** Summary: Director Thurman said he received a quote to replace one of the fans in the gym and was informed that two fans are not allowed under COA fire code. Thurman said he will investigate the matter. Thurman reported two employees were let go for various reasons and that the new office staff, Yeilyn Blanco de Schmidt, is doing a fantastic job and keeping everything on track. Director Thurman said enrollment for the Summer Camp was up this year over last year, but the summer soccer program had diminished enrollment due to increased local competition. He hopes the fall program will show rebounding enrollment. Trustee Moore said he had several residents and children seek him out and speak very highly of the program offerings at the Youth Center. Director Thurman thanked Melissa for helping out when the Youth Center has driver shortages and said he may need to hire another part-time driver to address the transportation issues.

**V. Unfinished Business**

None.

**VI. New Business**

None.

**VII. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Wells said she spoke with a few residents who expressed interest in volunteering at the Youth Center and directed them to contact Director Thurman directly.

**VIII. Public Comments**

Celia Rodriguez thanked Commissioner Reyna for the opportunity and said she looked forward to working with the Board. She closed by saying, "Go Cubs!"

**IX. Announcements**

- a. Peggy Hicks informed the Board that the Summer STEM Camp will run from July 25 through August 11. Ms. Hicks said they are doubling the available spots available to students. Ms. Hicks thanked EA SD131 and the Aurora Township for their sponsorship of the program. Ms. Hicks said the students have achieved higher grades in math and science after they have attended this camp and she hopes to continue to grow the program in the future.
- b. Patricia Richardson reminded the Board and staff that the health insurance forms were due back to her by July 26<sup>th</sup>.

- X. Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 4:30 p.m.

**Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Owens  
Aurora Township Deputy Clerk