

## **March 22 2018 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

Aurora Township, Board of Trustees Meeting held at 4 p.m. at 80 N. Broadway Aurora, IL 60505

- I. **Call to Order** by William Catching at 4:00 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by William Catching
- III. **Invocation** led by Dolores Hicks
- IV. **Roll Call** by Township Clerk, Reginald N. Campbell with a Quorum established, with the Following Officials and Board of Trustee members present: William Catching, Supervisor; Juan Reyna, Highway Commissioner; Davis Offutt, Assessor, Reginald Campbell, Clerk; Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Juanita Wells, and Brenda Hernandez. Staff and Public also present- See attached Attendance Sign in sheet.
- V. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on March 8, 2018, made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Hicks, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- VI. **Approval and /or audit of Township and Road District Bills**
  - a. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount of \$57,219.08. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
  - b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$20,927.16. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
  - c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$2,794.88. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
  - d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Building and Equipment Fund bills in the amount of \$130.00. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
  - e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve combined IMRF and Road and Bridge IMRF Fund bills in the amount of \$7,386.36. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
  - f. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the Combined Social Security Fund and Road & Bridge Social Security Fund bills in the amount of \$5,211.90. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- VII. **Reports**
  - a. **Assessor's Report.** See Written Report.
  - b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** Summary of Written Report- The Township brush pickup policy was revised; Dept. Responded to after-hours snow removal from recent storm.

- c. **Supervisor's Report-** Senior referendum passed with 53% voting in favor of referendum. Need to identify how money from referendum will be spent and will create an advisory board of volunteers to assist with this process.
- d. **Code Enforcement Report.** None
- e. **General Assistance Manager Report.** Ten residents were reapproved for assistance, four were terminated, and one was approved for new assistance.
- f. **Presentation February 2018 Financial Statements** The financial condition of the township is good and the annual audit will commence soon.

#### **VIII. Unfinished Business**

None

#### **IX. New Business**

- a. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve ordinance 2018-06 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for Aurora Township. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.
- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve agenda for annual town meeting, April 10, 2018. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve Resolution 2017-07 Transfer of Appropriation-Town Fund. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to Resolution 2018-08 Transfer of Appropriation-General Assistance Fund. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

#### **X. Board Member comments**

All Board member comments are in response to the Public Comments regarding the proposed Dr. Smith African American Museum on the east side of Aurora, Illinois. Trustee Hicks stated the museum would be significant asset to the City of Aurora; Trustee Wells requested to see drawings of the museum; Trustee Hernandez suggested that the museum should possibly be located closer to downtown Aurora; Trustee Moore noted that Dr. Smith served in the Viet Nam War and he's in favor of the Museum at the proposed site; Supervisor Catching asked Mr. Rogers if the Museum was a 501(c)(3) organization and was told that it was in process. He also inquired as to whether the back taxes had been paid on the property, and Rogers indicated some of the back taxes had been paid.

#### **XI. Public Comments**

Ricky Rogers- Presented a strategic plan of the African American Heritage Museum.  
 Rena Church- Spoke about the history of the AA Heritage Museum from its inception until now.  
 Brian Dolan- Spoke about his long-term relationship with Dr. Smith dating back 21 years, and specifically noted a meeting with Dr. Smith along with Chris Lauzen that took place at the museum.

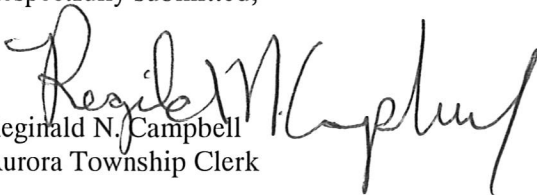
Monica Silva- Stated the Museum should impact the quality of life of neighbors surrounding the museum and that she also visited Dr. Smith's Museum in Louisiana.

**XII. Announcements**

Next regular Board Meeting is on 4-10-18 at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Annual Town Meeting at 6:00 pm at the Aurora Township Youth and Community Center at 313 Gale Street, Aurora, IL 60506

**XIII. Adjournment** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Reginald N. Campbell  
Aurora Township Clerk