

November 20, 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 Supervisor Catching at 4:03 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Supervisor 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 November 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 \$78,246.99. 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 \$7,671.60. 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 \$3,330.45. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Mental Health Fund bills in the amount of \$17,800.54. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the Combined IMRF Fund and Road & Bridge IMRF Fund bills in the amount of \$7,003.30. 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 \$5,565.93. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- VII. **Reports**
 - a. **Assessor's Report.** See Written Report
 - b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** Highlight of Written Report- Gave a presentation at West Aurora High School for the World League Career Expo on 11/13/18. Over 2000 students were in attendance.
 - c. **Supervisor's Report-** Attended the annual TOI conference. Major issue addressed was the bill that recently passed requiring Township Clerks to attest for all township bills paid. Law takes effect 1-1-19.

- d. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report-** See written report
- e. **Ride in Kane Manager's Report-** See written report
- f. **General Assistance Manager's Report-** See written report

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells for Resolution 2018-28 regarding snow removal services for Senior and Disabled Residents. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

IX. New Business

- a. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks regarding Resolution 2018-29 for Aurora Township 2019 meeting schedule. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore regarding approving Township 2019 Holiday Schedule, Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore regarding Ordinance 2018-30 for the Aurora Township Road District Appropriation of Local Funds for Bridge Replacement. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

X. Board Member comments

Trustee Wells thanked the board for addressing and passing the snow removal program for seniors and the disabled; Trustee Hernandez raised several questions on the \$525,000.00 allocation for Senior Services. Those questions included, as to whether the Board would consider giving residents a rebate of 2.1% of Consumer Price Index; Does the Township provide insurance benefits to any of its retired employees; She asked Assessor Offutt if the evaluations of township properties were up or down for the year, and if so how much; Can the Board compare this year's financial statements to last year's and prior years financial budgets; Can the board do some projections on the numbers to see how the Township can save tax dollars (i.e. a 10% decrease in all of the township departments budget) Trustee Hicks stated the \$525,000.00 will be appropriated in the right way; Trustee Moore stated that a meeting of all local government leaders should be called in order to address the issue of tax increases.

XI. Public Comments

Resident George Scowins raised concerns with regard to the 1.2% levy increase. He stated that this increase along with other tax increases is making it more difficult for him to reside in the Township since he is on a fixed income. Resident Annette Johnson stated that in general, Government needs to live within its own means, without referendums. She stated the East Aurora School District is rebating money back to taxpayers for recent referendums passed.

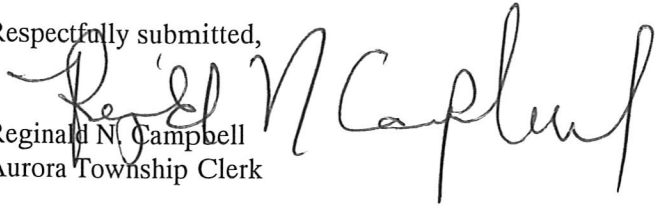
XII. Announcements

The Aurora Township Tax Levy Hearing will be held on 12-13-18 at 3:30 in the Aurora Township Conference room at 80 N. Broadway.

XIII. **Adjournment** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to adjourn the meeting at 5:10. p.m. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Reginald N. Campbell
Aurora Township Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Reginald N. Campbell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name and title.