

**Aurora Township  
Public Hearing  
Main Offices, 80 North Broadway  
Aurora, IL.**

**Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018**

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

**Minutes**

**I. Call To Order**

A public hearing of the Aurora Township Board of Trustees was held at the Aurora Township office, 80 North Broadway, Aurora, IL, at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2018. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by statute.

Aurora Township Supervisor, Bill Catching, called the public hearing to order at 3:30 p.m.

**II. Reading of Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Increase for Aurora Township.**

Deputy Clerk Jason Owens read aloud the Legal Notice, dated December 5, 2018, published and posted in the manner set out by statute.

**III. Public Comments**

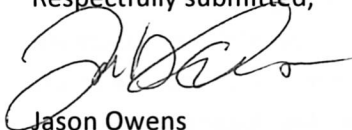
- a. Annette Johnson (East Aurora School District 131 Board president) – Stated the Board should slash the tax increase in half. Stated she isn't against seniors.
- b. Ronald Jaffe (Resident) – Stated he is on a fixed income and tax increases would force him to sell his home.
- c. Robert Paolicchi (Resident) – Asked what the 13.9% tax increase represents. Supervisor Catching said that the bulk of the increase was to fund the senior services tax referendum passed by voters. Catching stated the remainder of the increase was the CPI adjustment for the Aurora Township Community Mental Health 708 Inc Board line item. Supervisor Catching said that the portion of the levy representing Township operating line items remained flat from the previous year. Mr. Paolicchi asked for the Board to inspect the budget for program redundancies with other local government agencies.
- d. Dalila Alegria (Operations Manager, Inc Board) – Stated the funding for the Inc Board was subject to PTELL limitations and that the 708 Inc Board portion of the levy increase represented \$42,156.00. Ms. Alegria explained the mission of the Inc Board, the funding coalition of the Inc Board and some of the programs available. Ms. Alegria explained that Aurora Township provides 68% of the budgetary contributions to the Inc Board and utilizes over 70% of the services provided.

- e. Marjorie L. (Resident) – Thanked the Board for the services provided to seniors like her and specifically the Ride In Kane (RIK) program. She also thanked the RIK drivers for their hard work and asked the Board to continue to focus on providing services to seniors.
- f. Tom Adams (Resident) – Stated that the 13.9% increase was too much and that he doesn't receive that kind of raise every year.
- g. Peggy Hicks (Resident) – Asked what kind of programs the senior services funding would support and stated she felt the senior programs were a value added function of the Township. Ms. Hicks also asked how the levy was calculated.
- h. Micki Miller (Executive Director, Senior Services Associates) – Explained the major programs made available to seniors through SSA - assessment and care coordination, caregiving assistance, adult protective services, emergency services and home repair, nursing home ombudsman, recreation, education and health, senior companion, transportation and volunteer services. Ms. Miller stated that, as a group, residents who can be quantified as seniors have grown by 28%, yet funding has remained stagnant or decreased. Ms. Miller reminded the Board and the attendees that the referendum was passed by the residents of Aurora Township and that the referendum provided the additional funding by annually levying up to \$7.25 for every \$100,000 in home value.
- i. Frank Navarro (Accion Latina, USA) – Stated he echoed the need to fund senior services in the City of Aurora and asked that all of the groups come together to provide these services.
- j. Alex Arroyo (Resident and East Aurora School District 131 Board vice president) – Asked if funding provided by Aurora Township is spent on Aurora Township residents and only Aurora Township residents. Ms. Miller responded that Aurora Township funding can only be spent on Aurora Township residents.
- k. Dr. Monica Silva (Resident, Kane County Board member) – Asked the Board if there was more Kane County could do to help fund senior services. Ms. Hicks suggested bringing back Kane County health programs such as prescription assistance. Dr. Silva said she supported the old program, but that it had been defunded before she took office. Ms. Miller stated that SSA attempted to pass a referendum to provide funding for senior services at the County level and it didn't pass. Ms. Miller also stated that the County Board suggested that SSA attempt to pass a referendum at the Township level.

#### **IV. Closing of Public Hearing**

Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore.  
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Owens

Aurora Township Deputy Clerk