

**Aurora Township
Board of Trustees Meeting
Main Offices, 80 North Broadway
Aurora, IL.**

**Date: Thursday, June 13, 2019
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, June 13, 2019. 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: Dolores Hicks, David Moore and Juanita Wells. Trustee Brenda Hernandez was excused absent.
Clerk Reginald Campbell – Excused Absent.
Assessor Davis Offutt – Excused Absent.
Highway Commissioner Juan Reyna – Excused Absent.

Staff and Public present – see attached.

- II. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on May 23, 2019 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Hicks. 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 Moore to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount of **\$179,225.99**. 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 **\$10,668.29**. 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 **\$4,861.95**. 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 **\$528,006.83**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the Liability Insurance Fund bills in the amount of **\$26,919.00**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- f. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the Equipment and Building Fund bills in the amount of **\$143,534.00**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- g. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the combined IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF Funds bills in the amount of **\$4,204.70**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- h. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the combined Social Security and Road & Bridge Social Security bills in the amount of **\$5,687.71**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Reports

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Davis Offutt. Summary: Written report submitted. Assessor Offutt said the assessment books are scheduled to be submitted to the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments on June 14, 2019.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – Juan Reyna. Summary: Written Report submitted. Deputy Owens mentioned that the Rural Street Bridge construction project is scheduled to begin at the end of June.
- c. **Supervisor's Report** – Bill Catching. Summary: Supervisor Catching attended a meeting with Chuck Nelson from the City of Aurora, the executive director of PACE and representatives from VNA Health to discuss the implementation of a "Dial A Ride" pilot program to help replace transportation services lost during a recent PACE bus service reduction. The program will utilize a Township bus and staff and be paid for through a \$60,000 grant from PACE. The initial plan calls for the rides to be free, but PACE requires a 30% "pay back" through fare collections. The City of Aurora (COA) and VNA

may sponsor the “pay back” collection efforts as part of their participation in the program. Trustee Wells asked the supervisor to explore having the program riders pay some money toward the fares. Supervisor Catching reported that he attended a meeting at Alderman Franco’s office to discuss, with other public and private stakeholders, the flooding issue behind Golfview St. The director of the Kane County Water Resources Dept conducted the meeting and answered questions from residents. The last two springs have been among the wettest since the mid-1800s and the drainage under the railroad tracks behind Golfview does not support the amount of water flowing into the area from the approximately 250 acres to the immediate north of Golfview. An engineering study was completed last year that recommended a \$1,000,000 project which would include adding two or three more large-diameter drainage pipes under the railroad tracks. The funding is not currently available for that project. A project with an initial estimated cost of \$100,000 was discussed. Supervisor Catching offered the \$35,000 earmarked for flood relief to the Township in the latest State of IL budget through Representative Barbara Hernandez’s efforts. Alderman Franco offered \$15,000 from his Ward funds. The remaining funds will need to be sourced from other stakeholders which might include the creation of a Special Service Area. Supervisor Catching reported the Senior Services Advisory Commission met and generated a grant fund application. Catching is hoping to have a set of applications to be considered by the Commission and then presented to the Township Board by the end of the summer. Catching would like the grants to be paid out in the early fall. Supervisor Catching also reported that the auditors have been in the Township offices this week.

- d. **Ride in Kane Manager’s Report** – Melissa Wilmot. Written report submitted. Summary: Ms. Wilmot reported that ridership in May was up. Ms. Wilmot stated the program is still short one full-time and one part-time driver. The driver shortage requires the increased usage of outside contractors, which increases program costs, and strains the workload of the current drivers. Ms. Wilmot thanked the drivers for their extra efforts.
- e. **Youth Services Director’s Report** – Scot Thurman. Written report submitted. Summary: Director Thurman reported that summer camps opened this week with good attendance. Thurman also reported that he applied for a \$1000 grant from the Rotary Club for new bicycles. Thurman stated he has received estimates for a few of the security measures to be installed including - 1) bulletproof glass on all first floor windows (\$10,000), and; 2) closed circuit cameras and monitoring (\$7,000 to purchase equipment or \$3,000 to lease). Thurman also mentioned he will be creating a request for bids for this fall to replace the air conditioning in the Youth Center gym with the installation to take place in the spring of 2020. Trustee Moore stated he is happy that the installation of the security measures is proceeding.
- f. **Kane County Sheriff’s Department Report** – Deputy Zentmyer. Summary: Deputy Zentmyer mentioned that Deputy Demeter was assigned as the second Sheriff’s Deputy in Aurora Township. Deputy Zentmyer stated that he is working with the Code Enforcement department on various trouble spots.

V. Unfinished Business

None.

VI. New Business

- a. **Resolution 2019-25 Re-Appointing Member to Aurora Township Community Mental Health 708 Board.** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Resolution 2019-25 Re-Appointing Member to Aurora Township Community Mental Health 708 Board.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching stated that Mr. Joel Gramirez has served on the 708 Board and thanked him for his service. Supervisor Catching also mentioned that the John Intrain, the current president of the Aurora Township 708 Board, informed him that he will be retiring from the board soon. Catching suggested that the Board recognize Mr. Intrain's long service on the 708 Board at his retirement.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- b. **Hiring Approval for Full-time Ride In Kane Drive.** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the hiring of a full-time Ride In Kane driver.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching stated that a current part-time driver, now attending PACE school, is the candidate he and Ms. Wilmot would like to switch into a full-time position. Ms. Wilmot mentioned that contractor costs for the Ride In Kane program are increasing due to a lack of staffing. Supervisor Catching explained that the average contractor costs for the program are approximately \$18,000 per month, but recent months have seen those costs increase to approximately \$24,000 per month. Trustee Moore commented that he recently read an article that explained the necessity of programs like Ride In Kane, which help keep senior citizens engaged and reduces the burden of care on families.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

VII. Board Member Comments

- a. Trustee Wells passed along a collective "thank you" to the Ride In Kane drivers for bringing residents to their jobs at AID.
- b. Trustee Moore thanked the Sheriff's Department for working with the Code Enforcement office to resolve residents' complaints. Moore said that having a Sheriff's Deputy included in these public interactions lends gravity to the proceedings.

- c. Trustee Hicks mentioned that Senior Services had an issue with the elevator at the new location and asked for help moving the build-out of the new facilities along with the City of Aurora. Hicks also mentioned that many people do not know that Senior Services offers programs to grandparents who are raising grandchildren.

VIII. Public Comments

- a. Nora Walsh – Outreach Coordinator for Representative Barbara Hernandez. Ms. Walsh introduced herself to the Board and offered to Rep. Hernandez’s assistance to help with issues in the community.

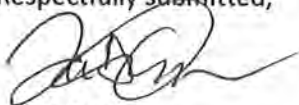
IX. Announcements

- a. Supervisor Catching announced the Foundation for Aurora Township Youth and Senior Services BBQ Fundraiser Dinner will be held on Monday, June 17, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Aurora Township Youth Center, 313 Gale Street, Aurora, IL.
- b. Trustee Hicks announced the annual Kidz N Boats event will again be held at Mastodon Lake (Phillips Park) on Saturday, June 29, 2019. The event will take place between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and will put kids (between ages 7-13) into kayaks and canoes with members of the St. Charles Canoe and Kayak Club. Lunch will be provided and registration is available at the Aurora Township Youth Center.

- X. **Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 4:35 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Owens

Aurora Township Deputy Clerk