

May 23, 2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

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

- I. **Call to Order** by Supervisor Catching at 4:00 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 May 9, 2019, made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Wells, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- VI. Motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of Town Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of April 9, 2019 made by Supervisor Catching, Seconded by Trustee Moore, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- VII. **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 \$86,918.25. 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 \$59,977.01. 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 \$4,180.18. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the Mental Health Fund bills in the amount of \$18,132.26. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Liability Insurance Fund bills in the amount of \$16,000.00. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote
 - f. 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 \$4,224.06. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - g. 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 \$5,455.74

VIII. Reports

- a. **Assessor's Report.** See Written Report
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** Highlights of Written Report- College students started working with the Senior Lawn Mowing program and the highway dept. invested in a new law mower; Patched the asphalt parking lot at the Youth Center; Trained employees on the Total Patcher System
- c. **Supervisor's Report-** Supervisor Catching met with representatives from the VNA to discuss the elimination of Pace Bus Services to the Highland VNA facility. This impacts potentially 4,000 patients per month. Patients under 65 do not qualify for the Ride In Kane Program. Township has proposed a plan for continuing bus service for one van for approximately \$55,000.00 annually, and for two vans \$110,000.00. Township is requesting that VNA seek funding from the City of Aurora as well as apply for grants. There's the possibility that PACE could possibly fund all or a portion of this expense. There is a meeting with PACE officials on 6/12/19 to address this issue; So far the Township has received 21 FOIA requests. Supervisor Catching has spent in excess of 60 hours in responding to these requests and other staff has spent approximately 35 hours with these requests. The township is going to contract with an outside law firm to assist in addressing these requests. The requestor is now considered a recurring requestor therefore the Township now has 21 days to respond to the requests. As an example, the requestor has requested three years of residents awarded general assistance funds which consists of approximately 360 records and these records must be redacted of private information. The Requestor refuses to come to the office or talk to the Supervisor regarding these requests; Supervisor Catching attended the 45th annual Service to God Program; Supervisor Catching was elected to a Statewide Township Supervisor Board; At the recent Senior Advisory Committee, they are proposing a 2-3 page grant application that is currently being drafted; Sikich mailed to Township Board Members a questionnaire regarding the Consideration of Fraud in a Financial Statement Audit, and instructed all board members to complete it and return to Sikich; Supervisor Catching's daughter graduated.
- d. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report** See Written Report
- e. **General Assistance Officer's Report-** In March, 12 residents were reapproved for financial assistance, 1 was terminated and 8 received emergency assistance. TRIAD did not have a meeting; The Annual TRIAD Conference will be held on 9/24/19 and 9/25/19. The costs is \$25.00 per day; The Kane County Sheriff's Office presented An Active Shooting Training Program; In March 2019, the Township received a \$12,000.00 SSI reimbursement for Assistance provided to a resident in July 2016.
- f. **Presentation of financial Statements-** To be reviewed at the next Board Meeting

IX. Unfinished Business

NONE

X. New Business

- a. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells regarding Ordinance 2019-23 Aurora Township Parking Restriction- South Loucks Street Discussion: Trustee Hernandez asked if the restriction was for the entire day or part of the day. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore regarding Resolution 2019-24 Aurora Township Personal Property Replacement Tax. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

XI. **Board Member Comments** Trustee Hernandez went on an 8 hour ride along with the Kane County Sheriff Office. She observed cars travelling in excess of 55 MPH in the Exposition View subdivision as children were getting off the school bus. She stated residents expressed concerns of speeding vehicles in their area and inquired about speed bumps or yield signs. Commissioner Reyna stated that speed bumps are not a solution because they could cause other hazards. Trustee Hernandez also drove by Dr. Smith's Property and commented that the property appeared to be in disrepair, and that the squad she was in responded to a call where a child being beat up there. Trustee Moore responded that these are law enforcement issues and not necessarily Township issues. It was also commented that roads in the various Trailer Parks are private roads and are not the responsibility of the Township; Trustee Wells commented on the fact that she has been an elected official for over 20 years. She commended the board for doing a good job, and that township governance is hands-on governments whereby struggle is good sometimes.

XII. **Public Comments**

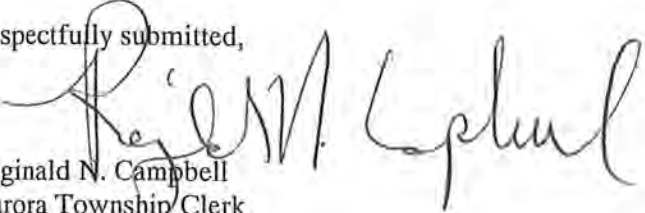
Resident Margie Logman stated that traffic on Broadway and Lake Street is busy and cars are travelling way too fast. She commented on setting up standards for responding to FOIA requests. She stated that township government should stand for a sense of service over politics. Resident Peggy Hicks commented on Dr. Smith's property and that it's art and not junk displayed on the property. She stated that there are security cameras on the Forrest Ridge property that encompass Dr. Smith's property. Ms. Hicks commended the work of the Township Board as she has been attending the meeting for the past 12 years. Finally she stated that information is being taken out of the meetings and being provided to others that are creating confusion and chaos.

XIII. **Announcements**

The township will have a truck in the annual Aurora Memorial Day Parade; 5B's BBQ is June 17th at the Youth Center; Kids N Boats is June 29, 2019.

XIV. **Adjournment** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to adjourn the meeting at 5:05. p.m. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,


Reginald N. Campbell
Aurora Township Clerk