

June27, 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 4:03 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 June 13 2019, 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 Trustee Hicks and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Supervisor Catching's expense reimbursement. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount of \$57,874.58. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$13,424.55. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$3,074.55. Motion passed by unanimous an voice vote.
 - e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Equipment & Building Fund bills in the amount of \$483.59. 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 \$4,224.60. 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 \$5,976.31.
- VII. **Reports**
 - a. **Assessor's Report** See written Report
 - b. Highway Commissioner's Report See Written Report.
 - c. Supervisor's Report- Open enrollment for the health insurance plan to commence July 9. There was an 8 percent increase from last year but the increase is within the Township's budget. A theft ID Plan will be added as a new employee benefit for full time employees;

Landscaping is taking place around the township building including on the easement. The total estimated costs of \$20,000.00 is within the budget. Trustee Hernandez asked what is the grounds maintenance cost and Supervisor Catching stated that it was nominal. Trustee Wells asked how many parking spaces did the township lose as a result of the easement work, and Supervisor Catching stated 4; Security cameras will be installed here and at the Youth Center; There was a letter published in the Chicago Tribune about eliminating township government, and there was a rebuttal by a local township resident, Susan Canning Ramirez, stating all the reasons and benefits for township government.

- d. Code Enforcement Officer's Report See Written Report
- e. **General Assistance Officer's Report-** In May 11 residents were reapproved for financial assistance, 1 was terminated and 1 received emergency assistance. The township was reimbursed from SSI \$827.00 for assistance provided to a resident. 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;
- f. **Presentation of financial Statements-** The Township received a large share of its property tax allocation in June; The annual audit was completed, and the report will be completed and presented to the Board in August; The 5B's fundraiser netted approximately \$3,600.00.

VIII. **Unfinished Business**

NONE

IX. **New Business**

- a. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore regarding Resolution 2019-26 tabling the announcement of the retirement of John Intrain from the Mental Health 708 Board. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to hire Terra Henson as full-time RIK driver. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Discussion: Ken Maurice stated the candidate had previous school bus and Pace experience.
- c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to hire part time driver Matt TreDenick to full- time. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Discussion: Ken Maurice stated that Matt met all the qualifications.

- X. **Board Member Comments** Trustee Hicks thanked everyone for their support of for the 5B's fundraiser and reminded everyone of the kids and boats event on June 29th; David Moore recognized State Representative Barbara Hernandez present at the meeting.

XI. **Public Comments**

Resident Leonard read an email he received from Ralph Padron on June 26th. It read in part, what is the \$50,000.00 health insurance expense for Jason Owens; Why did the Township hire an attorney to address the FOIA request for producing email logs. Providing this information will lend transparency to the Township. The Township needs to open up its records to address FOIA concerns; Resident Peggy Hicks stated that Mr. Leonard, a former school board member, is aware of the FOIA process having dealt with Mr. Padron's request to the school board that Mr. Leonard sat on; Trustee Wells added that when she was a school

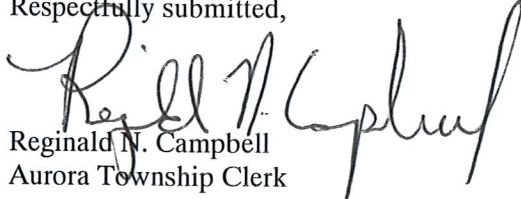
board member, it had attorneys to address FOIA requests; Supervisor Catching added that he has made an offer for Mr. Padron to meet with him in person, but Mr. Padron has declined.

XII. Announcements

None

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

Respectfully submitted,



Reginald N. Campbell
Aurora Township Clerk