

August 8, 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 4:07 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, excused absence; 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 July 25, 2019, with oral amendments noted by Trustee Hicks 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 Wells to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount of \$33,170.88. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Discussion. Trustee Hernandez asked if the security cameras were installed at the Township Office and Supervisor Catching said installation is complete; Trustee Hernandez asked about the cost for the Handyman and Supervisor Catching stated it was for work for a fallen tree during a recent storm on a resident's property. Trustee Hernandez inquired about the employee screening charges, and Director Thurman responded that Oracle does the annual screening and the park district does the seasonal screening for prospective Township Youth employees.
 - b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$20,548.27. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Discussion. Highway Commissioner Reyna stated that the amount included the cost of the annual inspection.
 - c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$3,022.06. 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 \$15,604.92. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Equipment and Building Fund bills in the amount of \$21,087.24. 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 \$4,344.67. 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 \$6,679.20

VII. Reports

- a. **Assessor's Report.** See Written Report
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** See Written Report
- c. **Supervisor's Report-** Supervisor Catching met with VNA Officials and City of Aurora Officials regarding transportation funding for VNA clients. Pace has promised some funding for one year, and this grant could begin as early as October. The City promised some in-kind funding; The Illinois Attorney General's office has received a complaint regarding the Township and Mr. Patron's FOIA requests.
- d. **Ride In Kane Manager's Report – Highlights.** All seven routes are running now, and the new drivers are doing well. Ridership is up despite the hot weather. The annual inspection will happen soon and don't expect any issues
- e. **Youth Services Director's Report-** Highlights. 13 teams and approximately 250 kids participated in the Township's Soccer Tournament. Bullet proof glass was ordered for the Youth Center that cost's approximately \$10,000.00. Members of the Chicago Steam conducted a basketball camp at the Center. The Director will have access to all camera angles from his office that are being installed at the center
- f. **Kane County Sheriff's Department Report-** None.

VIII. Unfinished Business

NONE

IX. New Business

- a. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve Resolution 2019-28 Senior Services Grant Funding for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Discussion: Committee Chair Jones stated that all five applicants were awarded funding. The committee was very diverse and all applicants were interviewed; Peggy Hicks stated that the funding for The Living Daylight Organization will be used towards webinars and seminars conducted by volunteer medical providers addressing the health issues and needs of the seniors; Trustee Wells stated that she liked the applications and that they were all well written.
- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve Resolution 2019-29 for the approval of the contract for and retention of Contract Management Services for LJ Dodd for the HVAC Project at the Aurora Township Youth Center. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Discussion: Trustee Hernandez asked about the warranty on the new HVAC equipment. Supervisor Catching stated that he would look into it.
- c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Youth Department's Delinquency Prevention Specialists Candidate. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Discussion: Supervisor Catching stated that the hiring of this individual fits within the Township budget. Director Thurman discussed the credentials of the candidate. Trustee Hicks stated that this is a very important position to fill.

- X. **Board Member Comments** Trustee Hicks thanked the Youth Center staff for the job they did on National Night Out; Trustee Moore stated that he attended the Assessor's property tax seminar and stated that it was very informative.

XI. **Public Comments**

Resident Peggy Hicks discussed the increase in violence and deaths of our youth in the community, and that all members of the community must come together to address this serious problem; Resident Hicks stated that Pastor Blalark is president of the Living Daylight Organization and he will assure the success of the senior services grant it received that will deal with the issue of Dementia and brain health of seniors.

XII. **Announcements**

Trustee Hicks state that the Triad Picnic will be held in Phillips Park on 8-13-19 at 11:30 Residents may purchase tickets in advance at the Prisco Center for \$3.00; The Senior Expo is 8-20-20 at Drury Lane sponsored by the Department of Aging. Tickets are \$3.00; The Senior monthly dance party is at Gaslight on 8-15-19.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Reginald N. Campbell
Aurora Township Clerk

