

August 22, 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; Asst. Township Assessor Gomez for Davis Offutt, Assessor; Reginald Campbell, Clerk; Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Juanita Wells, excused absence 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 August 8, 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 Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount of \$76,692.49. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of \$27,133.65. 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 \$3,372.56. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Equipment and Building Fund bills in the amount of \$7,836.85. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote
 - e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the Combined IMRF Fund and Road & Bridge IMRF Fund bills in the amount of \$4,373.43. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - f. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Combined Social Security Fund and Road & Bridge Social Security Fund bills in the amount of \$6,411.52
- VII. **Reports**
 - a. **Assessor's Report.** See Written Report
 - b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** See Written Report
 - c. **Supervisor's Report** Supervisor signed the new Electrical Aggregation Contract. Participating residents will receive lower rates than last year, with a yearly average savings of approximately \$80.00; Two new front doors were installed at the Township Office; AC system is being installed at the youth center; Township buses passed Pace

inspection and drivers were drug tested without exception; Township server needs to be upgraded in order to be compatible with the Accounting System. Considering switching over to a voice over IP system and will discuss system upgrades with Aurora On Light, which will give us an estimate; Township is interviewing for a part time staff accountant.

- d. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report** – See Written Report
- e. **General Assistance Manager's Report**- In July, 12 residents were reapproved for assistance, 6 new applicants were approved and 4 applicants were approved for emergency assistance; Township was reimbursed \$456.00 from social security for general assistance paid to a resident; The Triad Conference is Sept. 24 and 25 at the Concord in North Lake. Cost is \$50.00 per day and Seniors are free.
- f. **Presentation of July 2019 Financial Statements**- There are new accounting disclosure requirements regarding grants; Township's Annual Audit is being completed and a presentation will be made at an upcoming Township Board Meeting; As of July, 53% of Township's property tax allocation has been received; Township has budgeted \$10,000.00 for capital equipment and money will be spent for building capital improvements.

VIII. **Unfinished Business**

NONE

IX. **New Business**

- a. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Ordinance 2019-30 Aurora Township Parking Restriction. Supervisor Catching, Trustees Moore and Hicks voted in favor of the ordinance and Trustee Hernandez voted against the ordinance. Motion carried by majority roll call vote.
Discussion: Highway Commissioner has received complaints in the past from residents in this area regarding Commercial Trucks parking there, and the Sherriff Dept. was unable to do anything about this.
- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to table the Brian LeFevre's presentation of the Township's Annual Financial Report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve a 3.5% pay increase for township employees. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Discussion: Trustee Hernandez asked about the 3.5% increase, and Chief of Staff Richardson stated that the starting pay for Township Drivers is less than other bus drivers (i.e. Durham), although Township drivers are eligible to participate in the pension plan once qualified.

X. **Board Member Comments** Trustee Hicks asked if Pace could provide handicap accessible buses for special events for our Seniors; Trustee Moore attended the Aurora Sundowners Annual Banquet.

XI. **Public Comments**

Resident Margie Logman stated that in her opinion, the Hanks Road Bridge over I-88 tollway is in need of repair; New cabinets have been installed at the Youth Center.

XII. Announcements

Resident Peggy Hicks stated the FVCMA was having a fish fry fundraiser on 8-10-19 for \$10 and \$12. The Alliance assist financially needy families and has been very visible over the past three years with an emphasis on programming for our youth and ex-offenders.

XIII. Adjournment Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to adjourn the meeting at 4:50. p.m. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,


Reginald N. Campbell
Aurora Township Clerk