

JANUARY 23, 2020 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 4:04 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 of the minutes of the regular Board Meeting held on January 9, 2020, 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 \$22,003.59. 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 \$22,440.64. 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 \$4,160.71
 - d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Equipment and Building Fund bills in the amount of \$3,642.48. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - e. 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 \$6,778.33
 - f. 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 \$5,601.42.
- VII. Reports**
 - a. **Assessor's Report.** See Written Report
 - b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** See Written Report
 - c. **Supervisor's Report-** Supervisor met with 10 PACE officials. They agreed to cover the costs of the Cab fare through the end of 2019, and stated they will catch up on their 2019 invoicing which is several months behind; Township will send out mailers to residents encouraging them if not necessary not to utilize the cab service between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., as cab fares are most expensive during these hours; Township kicked off the VNA Shuttle Service on 1/27/20. PACE committed to paying \$50,000.00 for this service and

the City of Aurora agreed to pay the fuel and maintenance costs; IT upgrade is complete, and everyone is on the Microsoft Office Platform, which is all cloud based; Supervisor Catching spoke at the Senior Services Advisory meeting and on 1/20/20 he attended the annual Township Supervisors meeting: Property directly north of the township office has been sold to developers and Supervisor Catching will meet with the Developers on 1/24/20.

- d. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report**-See Written report
- e. **General Assistant Manager' s Report**- In December there were 12 residents that reapplied for assistance, 6 were terminated and 2 were eligible for emergency assistance; Senior Services meeting is on 1/24/20.
- f. **Presentation of December 2019 Financial Statements**- Financial Statements for December are fairly stated and show no unusual variances. Township had budgeted for lighting in the parking lot.

VIII. Unfinished Business

NONE.

IX. New Business

NONE

X. Board Member comments

Trustee Hernandez inquired about the Township's policy on Maternity Leave Pay. Supervisor Catching stated that there is no maternity leave pay, and that the employees can use the balance of any unused 12 sick day pay that employees receive per year.

XI. Public Comments

Resident Bob Groddict asked who owned the property just north of the Township Building. Supervisor Catching stated that Dolan and Murphy were the owners and sold it to a Chicago Developer; Resident Peggy Hicks asked about the Community Development Loan Assistance Program. Supervisor Catching stated that it is a State funded low interest loan intended to serve as a bridge loan for recipients. The Art Center has been approved for a \$250,000.00 loan. The Art Center is using the loan to help develop downtown Aurora. TIF provides the collateral against these loans. There has been 4 other of these type of loans that have been approved

XII. Announcements

Trustee Hicks announce the Dept. of Aging Breakfast to be held at the St. Joe's Medical Center on 2/21/20; On 2/6/20 there will be a blues concert at the youth center as part of Black History Month. Resident Hicks announced a series of Black History events on 2/7, 2/8, 2/14, 2/21 and 2/28

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

Respectfully submitted,

Reginald N. Campbell
Aurora Township Clerk