

**Aurora Township
Board of Trustees Meeting
Main Offices, 80 North Broadway
Aurora, IL.**

**Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019
Time: 4:00 P.M.**

Minutes

- I. Call To Order**
 - Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Invocation**
 - Roll Call and Establish Quorum**

A meeting of the Aurora Township Board of Trustees was held at the Aurora Township office, 80 North Broadway, Aurora, IL, at 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2019. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by statute.

Aurora Township Supervisor, Bill Catching, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Supervisor Catching led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Hicks gave the invocation.

Aurora Township Deputy Clerk, Jason Owens, called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching – Supervisor; Trustees: Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Juanita Wells and Brenda Gonzalez.
Clerk Reginald Campbell – Excused Absent.
Assessor Davis Offutt – Present.
Highway Commissioner Juan Reyna – Present.

Staff and Public present – see attached.

- II. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on October 24, 2019 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

III. 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 **\$58,778.93**. Trustee Gonzalez asked for an explanation of the document shredding and Chicago Tribune expenses. Supervisor Catching explained the expenses were for State of Illinois authorized record destruction and job posting for open Ride-In-Kane dispatcher position respectively. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of **\$74,650.20**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of **\$4,843.91**. Trustee Wells asked for an update regarding the residents in the old YMCA building who were recently displaced. Supervisor Catching explained the Township is not legally able to help with relocation expenses for residents, but only provide rental assistance if the resident is past due. Catching further explained that he attended a meeting with City of Aurora representatives and representatives of other local agencies to provide assistance. The Salvation Army and Senior Services are trying to help the thirty six residents impacted. 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 **\$3,076.41**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the combined IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF Funds bills in the amount of **\$164,652.53**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- f. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the combined Social Security and Road & Bridge Social Security bills in the amount of **\$5,959.31**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Reports

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Davis Offutt. Summary: Written report submitted. Assessor Offutt said the Kane County Board of Review hearings are scheduled through January 2020 and are open to the public.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – Juan Reyna. Summary: Written Report submitted. Commissioner Reyna stated that the list of streets for potential resurfacing in 2020 was submitted to KDOT. Trustee Wells asked about the new decals. Commissioner Reyna stated the new decals make the department's name more visible to residents.
- c. **Supervisor's Report** – Bill Catching. Summary: Supervisor Catching read a thank you note from one of the Senior Lawn Program recipients. Catching stated the letters for

the snow removal program will be going out to eligible seniors soon with the program beginning the first week of December. Supervisor Catching reported he attended the recent annual TOI Conference in Springfield, where he was re-elected to the board of directors of the Township Supervisors of Illinois. Catching explained one of the major topics of discussion was IL HB 348 which allows residents of McHenry County to dissolve local townships by referendum. Two townships in McHenry County have already added referenda to upcoming ballots. TOI representatives suggested McHenry County is a "test program" which could be utilized elsewhere in IL. McHenry County officials are searching for a consultant to create a cost analysis for township consolidation, which many government representatives believe would show an increase rather than decrease in costs overall. Catching related to the Board that Kane County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Armstrong suggested his department would require an additional \$1,000,000 in annual funding if townships were eliminated in Kane County. Supervisor Catching explained he has recently fielded calls about the library referendum. Catching stated that the impact on unincorporated residents would be based on whether or not a new library district is created.

- d. **Ride-In-Kane Manager's Report** – Melissa Wilmot. Written report submitted. Summary: Ms. Wilmot noted that all riders are back in service. Wilmot explained that ridership is up in the fall, which is normal. Wilmot said she expects ridership to drop nearer the holidays. Ms. Wilmot reported that she has completed interviews for the part-time dispatcher and felt she had a couple of good candidates. Ms. Wilmot stated she attended PACE software training recently and she learned new "tricks" that she will be implementing to improve the process.
- e. **Youth Services Director's Report** – Scot Thurman. Written report submitted. Summary: Director Thurman reported that the indoor soccer season begins on November 30. Thurman stated the new delinquency prevention specialist is working out well and two intern opportunities were posted at Waubensee Community College and Aurora University to expand the program. Director Thurman also reported that two sports management interns will begin working with the basketball program in 2020. Thurman stated that he increased his grant funds for STEM and athletic programs to \$5000 per year (from \$3000 per year). Director Thurman reported he is working with the College of DuPage to create tax completion seminars for Aurora Township residents in March 2020.
- f. **Kane County Sheriff's Department Report** – None.

V. Unfinished Business

None.

VI. New Business

- a. **Resolution 2019-33 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund.** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Resolution 2019-33 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching explained the transfers were required to address unforeseen increased expenses.

Resolution passed by unanimous voice vote.

- b. **Resolution 2019-34 Transfer of Appropriation – General Assistance Fund.** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve Resolution 2019-34 Transfer of Appropriation – General Assistance Fund.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching explained the transfers were required to address unforeseen changes in expenses.

Resolution passed by unanimous voice vote.

- c. **Resolution 2019-35 Authorizing the Supervisor to Execute Ride In Kane PACE Subsidy Agreement.** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to table Resolution 2019-35 Authorizing the Supervisor to Execute Ride In Kane PACE Subsidy Agreement.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching explained that PACE recently changed some providers which lead to monthly service invoices doubling (from \$16,000 to \$33,000). PACE is investigating the increases and will likely adjust their subsidy to cover some of the increase in the short term. Supervisor Catching stated that this unplanned increase combined with the uncertainty regarding the new VNA service beginning in 2020 require additional discussions and research before a new agreement with PACE is executed.

Resolution passed by unanimous voice vote.

- d. **Determination of Aurora Township Tax Levy 2019.** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to accept the determination of the Aurora Township Tax Levy 2019 to be an increase of 0.61% thereby eliminating the need for a public hearing.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching explained the overall increase represents a 2.15% increase for the Mental Health Fund with no other fund increases.

Resolution passed by unanimous voice vote.

- e. **Determination of Aurora Township Highway Department Tax Levy 2019.** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to accept the determination of the Aurora Township Highway Department Tax Levy 2019 to be an increase of 4.91% thereby eliminating the need for a public hearing.

Discussion: Commissioner Reyna explained the increases were necessary to offset potential increase in overlay and future bridge repair/replacement expenses.

Resolution passed by unanimous voice vote.

VII. Board Member Comments

- a. Supervisor Catching thanked Renee Williams for ably filling in while Suely Cabral was out of the office. Catching also asked for patience and understanding during Ms. Richardson's upcoming absence.
- b. Trustee Wells thanked the veterans present for their service.
- c. Trustee Moore reported that he attended the Law Elder Law Estate Planning presentation on October 29. Moore said there was a very good turn out and was very informative and worth it. Trustee Wells asked for an afternoon presentation in the future for those who cannot make morning sessions.
- d. Trustee Hicks thanked Marisela at the Youth Center for her efforts to coordinate transportation for the seniors.

VIII. Public Comments

None.

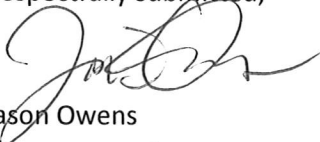
IX. Announcements

- a. Trustee Hicks announced senior activities will be moving to the first floor of the Senior Center on November 18 and the senior luncheon will take place on November 22.
- b. Suely Cabral announced the annual Pie Auction will be held at Belle Salle on November 22. Event starts at 6:00pm.
- c. Suely Cabral announced the annual Senior Holiday Dinner at the 3rd Ward Club (612 Spencer) on December 14. Meals will be delivered to homebound seniors. Small gifts and cards will be provided as well. A new caterer is needed. Volunteers for meal deliveries are also needed.
- d. Trustee Hicks announced Sunnymere would like representatives/managers from all of Aurora Township departments to attend the meeting to be held on January 24, 2020.

- X. **Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Owens", written over the printed name.

Jason Owens
Aurora Township Deputy Clerk