

**Aurora Township  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Youth and Community Center, 313 Gale Street  
Aurora, IL.**

**Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020  
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 Youth and Community Center, 313 Gale Street, Aurora, IL, at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2020. 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 Hernandez.

Township Clerk – Vacant.

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 June 25, 2020 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 combined Township and Road District Bills in the following amounts:
  - i. Town Fund bills in the amount of **\$57,868.80;**
  - ii. Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of **\$19,860.25;**
  - iii. General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of **\$4208.42;**
  - iv. Equipment & Building Fund bills in the amount of **\$1,271.26;**
  - v. Liability Insurance Fund bills in the amount of **\$6,919.00;**
  - vi. Combined IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF Funds bills in the amount of **\$6,733.07;**
  - vii. Combined Social Security and Road & Bridge Social Security bills in the amount of **\$5,934.55.**

Discussion: Supervisor Catching explained the Cam Mechanical invoice was to install a total of six enhanced air purifiers on the existing HVAC systems.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### IV. Reports

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Summary: Written report submitted by Assessor Offutt. Assessor Offutt highlighted for the Board that 80% of Aurora Township is residential parcels and that the senior assessment freezes that were in place for last tax year were automatically rolled over to the current tax year.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – Juan Reyna. Summary: Written Report submitted. Commissioner Reyna stated that two drainage projects were completed.
- c. **Supervisor's Report** – Bill Catching. Summary: Supervisor Catching reported four of seven Ride-In-Kane (RIK) routes are still being operated with restrictions in place. Catching stated PACE allowed for the collection of fares from RIK passengers as of June 22, 2020. Supervisor Catching thanked Suely C. and Dan H. for the initiative shown by working with the food pantry to bring meals to the 220 residents of the LSSI facility. Youth Center Director Scot Thurman reported that a limited capacity summer camp would be opening at the Youth Center as on July 13. Thurman explained everyone entering the facility would have their temperature scanned and be required to wear a mask at times. Director Thurman stated activities would be outside, such as soccer, and no basketball. Thurman explained the camp would follow Phase 4 guidelines from the State of IL and be limited to 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on camp days to avoid the four hour re-test requirement. Director Thurman explained the camp groups would be limited to 15 kids with 3 counselors per group. Thurman reported preparations to hold aerobics classes for 50 people are ongoing and classes may be held outside. Director Thurman stated the updated closing hours for the Youth Center would be 7:00 p.m. on Mondays

and Thursdays and 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thurman reported the Youth Center would be cleaned after hours on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

**V. Unfinished Business**

None.

**VI. New Business**

- a. **Resolution 2020-19 Authorizing Aggregation of Electrical Load and Adopting an Electrical Aggregation Plan of Operations and Governance.** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Resolution 2020-19 Authorizing Aggregation of Electrical Load and Adopting an Electrical Aggregation Plan of Operations and Governance.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching explained the aggregation agreement would designate Aurora Township as an EPA Green Power Partner, which would make Aurora Township the first township in Illinois to be so designated. Catching further explained the Township would receive approximately \$18,000 in unrestricted grants as a result of the plan and that everyone in the unincorporated areas would be paying ComEd rates, as they were the cheapest rates available. Supervisor Catching stated residents could opt in to receive “green” energy without incurring an additional fee.

Resolution passed by unanimous voice vote.

- b. **Resolution 2020-20 Grant Funding 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve Resolution 2020-20 Grant Funding 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching explained the resolution covers the standard grants funded every year to Senior Services Inc (SSI), Rebuilding Together Aurora, The Neighbor Project and Living Daylight Organization. Trustee Hernandez asked if these organizations have been asked to prove how the grant money has been spent. Supervisor Catching explained the monies provided to SSI were originally designated for rent when the organization was at the old YMCA building and as SSI’s offices have moved, no documentation was requested. Catching stated The Neighbor Project and Rebuilding Together Aurora receive block grant funding from the City of Aurora and our grant pays for projects in the unincorporated areas of Aurora Township and he would request documentation. Supervisor Catching explained that Living Daylight Organization provides a summary of activities and the number of kids who participate.

Resolution passed with four “aye” voice votes and Supervisor Catching abstaining.

- c. **Resolution 2020-21 Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Agreement with Aurora Youth Soccer Academy.** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve Resolution 2020-21 Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Agreement with Aurora Youth Soccer Academy.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching explained a memorandum of understanding would be executed between the Aurora Youth Soccer Academy (AYSA) to use the Township soccer field on Montgomery Road for the 2020 season. Catching stated the AYSA agreed to maintain the field and will not impact the Aurora Township soccer programs already in place. Supervisor Catching relayed to the Board the assurances of Francisco (Frank) Navarro, president and founder of Accion Latina USA and the AYSA, that the testing, social distancing and other COVID-19 related regulations of the United Soccer Association, the governing body of AYSA, are more strict than some professional leagues. Trustee Hernandez asked about the protocol for a participant testing positive for the virus and if a “hold harmless” agreement was in place. Catching stated the Township has umbrella liability insurance coverage, but the AYSA would be responsible for its own testing and liabilities. Supervisor Catching stated the Fox Valley Park District had yet to open their parks. Catching stated his reluctance to have any activities, but stressed the importance of providing kids something to do during the summer months and to provide those activities as safely as possible.

Resolution passed with four “aye” voice votes (Catching, Hicks, Moore, Wells) and one “no” vote (Hernandez).

- d. **Resolution 2020-22 Amendment to Employee Handbook – COVID-19 Update.** Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve Resolution 2020-22 Amendment to Employee Handbook – COVID-19 Update.

Resolution passed by unanimous voice vote.

**VII. Board Member Comments**

None.

**VIII. Public Comments**

None.

**IX. Announcements**

- a. Trustee Hicks announced the 5B Fundraiser will be held on August 10, 2020 and tickets are \$13 per. Hicks asked for the banner to be updated.
- b. Commissioner Reyna announced his daughter had a baby boy and thanked her for making him a grandfather.

**X. Adjournment to Executive Closed Session** – Motion to adjourn to executive closed session by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 4:35pm.

**XI. Reconvene to Open Session** - Motion to reconvene open session made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 5:13 p.m.

**XII. Roll Call and Establish Quorum** - 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 Hernandez.

**XIII. Action Resulting from Executive Closed Session**

None.

**XIV. Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 5:17 p.m.

**The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at 313 Gale Street, Aurora, IL.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Owens

Aurora Township Deputy Clerk