

**AURORA TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**MAIN OFFICES, 80 NORTH BROADWAY**  
**AURORA, IL.**

**DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

**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, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. 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 Clerk, Ken Christy, called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: - Bill Catching – Supervisor, Trustees: Dolores Hicks, Juan Reyna and, Juanita Wells.

Trustee David Moore – Excused absence.

Assessor – Davis Offutt – Present

Highway Commissioner – John Shoemaker --- Present

Staff & Public present – as attached.

II. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Sept.26<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Catching, seconded Juan Reyna. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

III. Approval and/or Audit of Township and Road District Bills.

A. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Dolores Hicks, to approve the Town Bills in the amount of \$100,875.66. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Juan Reyna, to approve Road District bills in the amount of \$15,886.88. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Juan Reyna, to approve General Assistance bills in the amount of \$4,356.24 Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. Motion made by Supervisor Catching to pay IMRF AND R&B bills in the amount of \$20,919.48, Seconded by Trustee Juanita Wells. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Combined motion by Supervisor Catching to approve SOCIAL SECURITY and R&B SOCIAL SECURITY bills in the amount of \$10,883.60. Seconded by Trustee Dolores Hicks Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **IV. REPORTS**

**A. Assessor's Report** - by Davis Offutt – Report Attached – Summary: As of today, there are 53 Kane County Board of Review filings for Aurora Township, according to Mark Armstrong, Kane County Supervisor of Assessments. Juanita Wells reported from the meeting of Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, how Mark Armstrong complimented Davis Offutt on the outstanding performance of his office and himself.

**B. Highway Commissioner's Report** - John Shoemaker – Total patching is to be completed this week, after scheduled brush pickup. After the brush pickup, all Township streets will be swept. The access point sewer in Fidler's Subdivision should be corrected and finished by next week. Weather has been good, so it should be an easy transition into winter. There will be an orientation meeting in November at the Township Road District buildings for new Township Officials.

**C. Supervisor Report** – Supervisor Bill Catching - Lawn mowing was extended one additional cycle because of the good weather. Jeff Schoeberlein – summer code enforcement officer – Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> will be his last day. Supervisor Catching stated his appreciation for Priscilla Leggs work while employed by the Township. Her last day was October 3<sup>rd</sup>. General Assistance case work will be picked up by staff.

**D. Youth Services Report** - Scot Thurman announced that the Fall Fest will be held at the Aurora Township Youth center, Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with an autumn theme. Food, games and prizes, and music for ages 6 – 11. Scot also distributed event flyers for youth center printed in Spanish and English for upcoming programs. We are looking to hire Bus Drivers and an after school program coordinator. Community Service program is on going for youths up to 17 years old to help in the community where needed.

**E. Ride in Kane Report** - by Norma DeLeon – She reported that 163 people are currently on the waiting list for the program. As expected, a federal Title XX grant has been approved for our program. A bus drivers' meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. Friday. Board is welcome to attend.

**F. Financial Report** – by Chief of Staff Patricia Richardson – a five month summary of budget was passed out and explained. After September she will be looking to adjust certain budget items. Next month the Auditor's report will be presented to the Board. Trustee Reyna asked about the \$6,900 expenditure which was described as a penalty payment to the IRS. Richardson explained that this was due to underpaid payments to the IRS in 2011 and 2012 under the previous administration.

**V – UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Supervisor Catching reported that at the next meeting he will Update and or present the Edge IT group proposal.

**VI – NEW BUSINESS** - Ron Haggh from Darien Consulting Associates gave an over view of the Community Development Assistance Program. He explained the process to loan from this Account to local businesses looking to expand or invest in businesses within the Township. We are looking for ways to expand applications to local businesses who are interested in doing this. Mr. Haggh and Supervisor Catching will report back to the board as to the future of this Program.

**VII. -PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Al Talip made comment about the possible side walk construction on Eastern Avenue and also Crane Avenue. Commissioner Shoemaker explained that the Eastern Avenue sidewalk is in the Township, and we can do something about that. But the Crane portion is the responsibility of the City, we have no jurisdiction there.

Raque Renteria of Oakview Ave. presented to the Board pictures of Oakview residents that have to deal with floods, if heavy rain occurs. Commissioner Shoemaker and Supervisor Catching will look into possible solutions to address this problem in the future with the county.

Ms. Bobbie Cannon thanked the Township, especially Trustee Hicks, for the Bus for Senior Citizens to the State Fair in August. She also thanked the Township for cutting her grass.

**VIII – ANNOUNCEMENTS:** - The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual dinner meeting of the Township Officials of Kane County will be held Wednesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Inn Banquets in Batavia, honoring Township clerks. All that would like to attend inform Supervisor Catching. Peggy Hicks – announced that on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Gas Lite Manor, Bishop Phillips will be the guest speaker. More information to follow. Peter Benahowski spoke about the Viet Nam Moving Wall coming to the grounds of West High School and the need of volunteers. Training will occur at the Prisco Center on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.

IX – EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session at 5:03 p.m. on a motion by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Reyna. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

X – RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION by Motion by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Wells At 5:44 p.m. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

XI. – ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

XII – ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Supervisor Catching, Seconded by Juanita Wells at 5:46 p.m.

Next meeting, Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL.

RESPECTIFULLY SUBMITTED,

Ken Christy –  
Aurora Township Clerk