

**AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AURORA TOWNSHIP YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER
313 GALE STREET
AURORA, IL 60506**

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

I. Township Supervisor Bill Catching called the virtual meeting to order at 4:05pm and then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Township Clerk Thomas called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present, Brenda Hernandez, Dolores Hicks, David Moore, and Juanita Wells. Also, present: Highway Commissioner Juan Reyna and Assessor Davis Offutt. **Staff Present:** Patty Richardson (Chief of Staff) and Jason Owens (Highway Department). **Also present:** Vanessa Aguirre from the Local Initiative Support Corporation, Lore Baker from the Association of Individual Development, and Ricky Rodgers from the African American Men of Unity.

II. Trustee Moore led the Board in the invocation.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING ON FEBRUARY 11, 2020.

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the Board of Trustee regular meeting minutes from February 11, 2021 as amended. The motion passed by a roll call vote: 5 YES 0 NO.

IV. APPROVAL AND/OR AUDIT OF TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve/audit Township and Road District Bills. The bills are as follows:

- A) Town Fund bills in the amount of **\$224,770.91**
- B) Road & Bridge bills of **\$58,693.49**
- C) General Assistance Fund bills of **\$15,065.25**
- D) Mental Health Fund of **\$12,653.65**
- E) Equipment Building Fund bills of **\$14,343.77**
- F) Town IMRF Fund of **\$8,443.46**
- G) Social Security Fund of **\$7,564.81**
- H) Road & Bridge Social Security Fund of **\$2,549.85**
- I) Road & Bridge IMRF Fund of **\$3,071.68**

Total: **\$347,156.87**

Motion carried by a roll call vote: 4 YES 1 NO.

V. REPORTS

1. Township Assessor Offutt submitted a written report.
2. Highway Commissioner Juan Reyna presented a verbal report where he highlighted that he is currently working on his department's budget and the department facility recently passed its inspection. He also noted that his department bought new equipment for the senior lawn mowing program.
3. Supervisor Catching announced that the Youth Center is reopening on a limited basis and he also updated the board on the Township's efforts to assist residents to get vaccinated. He also shared that Renee Williams and Scot Thurman recently had deaths in their families.
4. Chief of Staff Patty Richardson announced that the Township's budget hearings will likely begin in May.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve Resolution 2021-05 Transfer of Appropriations-Town Fund. After a discussion, the motion carried by a roll call vote: 5 YES 0 NO.

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve Resolution 2021-06 Transfer of Appropriations-General Assistance Fund. The motion carried by a roll call vote, 5 Yes 0 NO.

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to table Resolution 2021-07 Intergovernmental Agreement between Aurora Township and Aurora Township Road District for Senior Mowing Services-2021. The motion carried by a roll call vote, 5 Yes 0 NO.

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve Resolution 2021-08 CDAP Loan Application Review and Approval-Gray's Mill Estate. After a discussion, the motion carried by a roll call vote: 4 YES 1 NO.

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the Agenda of the Annual Town Meeting on April 13, 2021. After a brief discussion, the motion carried by a roll call vote: 4 YES 1 NO.

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve Resolution 2021-09 Grant Funding 2020-2021. After a brief discussion, the motion carried by a roll call vote: 4 YES 0 NO with 1 Abstaining (Trustee Wells abstained).

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Resolution 2021-10 authorizing the Supervisor to purchase used equipment. After a brief discussion, the motion carried by a roll call vote: 4 YES 1 NO.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Highway Commissioner Reyna mentioned a mailer was sent out to local residents about brush pick-up.

Trustee Hicks mentioned that she is working with a community project to get Township residents vaccinated.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Hernandez will be speaking at the Aurora Public Library on March 18th about the role of Township Government.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nadia Kanhai thanked everyone who participated in the recent Township elections.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion carried by a roll call vote: 5 YES 0 NO. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:00pm at the Aurora Township Youth & Community Center followed by the Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Juan R. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "T".

Juan R. Thomas
Aurora Township Clerk