

Aurora Township

Board of Trustees Meeting

Main Offices, 80 North Broadway

Aurora, IL.

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017

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, May 11, 2017. 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, Jason Owens, called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching – Supervisor; Trustees: Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Juanita Wells and Juan Reyna.

Clerk Jason Owens – Present.

Assessor Davis Offutt – Present.

Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker – Excused Absent.

Staff and Public present – see attached.

- II. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on April 20, 2017 made by Supervisor Catching, seconded by Trustee Reyna. 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 Hicks to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount of **\$43,157.32**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Road & Bridge Fund bills in the amount of **\$18,902.70**. 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 **\$5,532.21**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Motion made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Reyna to approve the combined IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF Funds bills in the amount of **\$8,705.70**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- e. 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 **\$5,654.63**. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. **Reports**

- a. **Assessor's Report** – Written Report. Summary: June 15, 2017 is the deadline for all properties to be revalued.
- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report** – None.
- c. **Supervisor's Report** – Bill Catching. Summary: Supervisor Catching ceded most of his report to later agenda items. Catching reported that Aurora Township is providing transportation for Aurora Sports Fest on Friday, May 12, 2017.
- d. **Ride In Kane Manager's Report** – Written report submitted.
- e. **Youth Services Director's Report** – Scot Thurman. Summary: Mr. Thurman reported that the Youth Center is receiving more requests for renting the soccer fields and different rooms at the Youth Center itself. He also mentioned he expects a busy summer for transportation requests from various events. Thurman mentioned that he would be soliciting quotes to replace the exhaust fans in the gym at the Youth Center. The fans currently do not work and the gym would be unbearably hot (over 100 degrees F) in the summer without the exhaust fans running. Thurman said that he had an initial quote of \$13,000 for replacement. Trustee Reyna asked for specifics of the quote. Thurman said he would bring a written quote to the Board. Mr. Thurman reported that the summer camp starts during the second week of June and that there are 30 kids signed up so far, but they have capacity for 60 kids. Trustee asked the ages of eligible kids for the camp. Thurman said kids 6-13 year old could participate. Thurman said the summer soccer leagues are starting up soon. Mr. Thurman mentioned that the Kids and Boats program is set for June 10, 2017. Thurman also said the Youth Center signed a renewal with Organic Life to provide the food for the summer lunch program. Trustee Wells asked about the lunch sites.

V. Unfinished Business

Executive Closed Session – Land Acquisition

- a. Motion to move the executive session to discuss Land Acquisition to the end of the meeting made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VI. New Business

- a. **Resolution 2017 – 12 Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Contract for Roofing Repairs at 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL.**

Motion to authorize the supervisor to execute a contract for roofing repairs at 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching explained that the repair bids came in over the budgeted amount, but that the amendments to the budget presented during the public hearing addressed the necessary budget lines to accommodate the increase. Catching said that the Township is risking significant damage if the roof isn't fixed. Trustee Moore asked about the lowest bidder's qualifications. Ted Mesiacos, Themes Architecture, reported the contractor has worked on prior public projects and is currently working at East Aurora High School. Mr. Mesiacos mentioned that recommendations were a required component of the bid packets. Mesiacos reported that the roof is currently black and the new roof will be white. Mesiacos also said the bid includes a line item to fix the shingles around the edge of the roof. Trustee Reyna asked what was being replaced. Mr. Mesiacos said the whole roof would be replaced, which would include the bottom portion of the parapets. Mesiacos mentioned that the bid included a \$10,000 contingency line item to pay for any items that might be discovered during the project that are outside the scope of the bid. Mr. Mesiacos reported that a 3 year labor and material warranty was part of the bid.

- b. **Resolution 2017 – 13 Approving the Application of Aurora Arts Center Developer LLC for a \$500,000 Community Development Assistance Program Loan Pending Determination of the Appropriate Contractual Language to Legally Obligate the TIF District for Repayment.**

Motion to approving the application of Aurora Arts Center Developer LLC for a \$500,000 Community Development Assistance Program Loan pending determination of the appropriate contractual language to legally obligate the TIF District for Repayment made

by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion: Supervisor Catching said this loan would help the Aurora Arts Center Developer LLC purchase the building to be redeveloped from Invest Aurora. The project will have community space, a restaurant and 38 apartment units for low-income individuals (artists preferred). The loan repayment will be guaranteed in a similar fashion to the previously approved Hoops Inc. CDAP loan as the repayment funds would come from a newly created TIF district. The legal question at hand is how to obligate the TIF district and the developer rather than the TIF district and the LLC. Trustee Moore asked if the loan conforms to original CDAP loan guidelines. Supervisor Catching said guidelines have language which allow for loan limits to increase. Catching said the loan meets the job creation requirements (38 new jobs in this case) and other guide posts which make this loan a good example of what the CDAP funds were created to do...essentially provide financing to developers who require additional funding to complete/save an existing deal. Trustee Moore said he felt no decision should be made until the township attorney determines the repayment obligation language. Trustee Reyna said he would not oppose voting to authorize the supervisor to execute the loan once the repayment obligation language is worked out.

c. Ordinance 2017-14 Approving 2017-18 Aurora Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Motion to approve the 2017-18 Aurora Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk Owens called roll with Supervisor Catching, Trustees Hicks, Moore, Reyna and Wells voting yes. No dissenting votes.

VII. Board Member Comments

- Trustee Reyna thanked the Board for the last four years and said he is looking forward to working with the Board as the highway commissioner.
- Trustee Wells said she overheard a conversation regarding the Senior Day Care program and how popular it was with families and participants.

VIII. Public Comments

None.

IX. Announcements

- Swearing-in Ceremony for 2017-2021 Aurora Township Board Members, Belle Salle Banquets, 1920 E. New York Street, Aurora, IL on Saturday, May 13, 2017 beginning at 3:00 p.m.
- Aurora Township Road District Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Budget and Appropriation will take place at the Aurora Township Office on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.
- 5B's BBQ Fundraiser will be held on June 19th. Tickets are available from any Board member and proceeds will support two \$1000 scholarships awarded to local students studying social work.

- X. Adjournment to Executive Closed Session** – Motion to adjourn to executive closed session to discuss land acquisition was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 4:52 p.m.

XI. Return to Open Session, Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Call to order by Supervisor Catching made at 5:18 p.m. Clerk Owens called roll with the following Board members present: Supervisor Catching; Trustees: Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Juan Reyna, Juanita Wells.

No action resulted from Executive Closed Session.

- XII. Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 5:18 p.m.

Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Owens
Aurora Township Clerk