

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

AMENDED

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

- I.** Township Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 5:05pm 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. **Staff Present:** Patty Richardson (Chief of Staff) and Jason Owens (Highway Department). **Absent:** Assessor Davis Offutt (excused)
- II.** Trustee Hicks led the Board in the invocation.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING ON MARCH 11, 2021

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the Board of Trustee regular meeting minutes from March 11, 2020. The motion passed by a voice 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 **\$103,481.85**
- B) Road & Bridge bills of **\$85,900.51**
- C) General Assistance Fund bills of **\$5,428.57**
- D) Equipment Building Fund bills of **\$9,310.50**
- E) CDAP Fund **\$275.00**
- F) Town IMRF Fund of **\$8,985.56**
- G) Social Security Fund of **\$7,845.69**
- H) Road & Bridge Social Security Fund of **\$2,184.32**
- I) Road & Bridge IMRF Fund of **\$2,635.47**

Total: **\$226,047.47**

Motion carried by a voice vote: 5 YES 0 NO.

V. REPORTS

1. Township Assessor Offutt submitted a written report.
2. Highway Commissioner Juan Reyna presented a written report and he highlighted that his department's 2021-22 budget is completed, that several drainage projects and road patching projects are completed, and he has completed the equipment purchases for the expansion of the Senior Mowing Program.
3. Supervisor Catching announced that Aurora Township was named an EPA Green Power Community (the first in the State of Illinois). He also mentioned that the Township will be changing its internal phone system in order to include a voice over system. Finally, Supervisor Catching acknowledge the passing of Harry Childress and East Aurora educator, Ann Benavides.
4. Chief of Staff Patty Richardson reported that there is an \$82,500 profit in the Town Fund this fiscal year because the Youth Center has been closed due to the pandemic. She also mentioned that the annual audit will begin in the near future.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks 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 voice vote: 5 Yes 0 NO.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the Annual Employee Pay Rate Increase of 3.5% effective April 1, 2021. After a discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote: 5 YES 0 NO.

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve Resolution 2021-11 Transfer of Appropriations-Town Fund. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5 Yes 0 NO.

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to place the budget on display for 30 days, Ordinance 2021-12-Town Fund. After a discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote: 5 YES 0 NO.

There was a motion by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells to place the budget on display for 30 days, Ordinance 2021-13-Road Fund. After a discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote: 5 YES 0 NO.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Moore thanked everyone for their service to the Township during this fiscal year.

Supervisor Catching mentioned his work pertaining to supporting the local residents who are opposed to the new Circle K gas station being proposed to be opened on the corner of Farnsworth and Molitor Road.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a public hearing on Thursday, May 13th at 3:30pm prior to the regular Aurora Township Board meeting.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Suely Cabral announced that numerous local residents have called the Aurora Township Office to learn how they can get vaccinated from the COVID-19 virus. She also announced that the monthly meeting for the Senior Services Committee will be on the 4th Friday of each month and the next meeting is Friday, April 23rd.

Dr. Peggy Hicks is working with the Illinois Department of Public Health and announced the department's upcoming "Save the Day" event for COVID-19 testing.

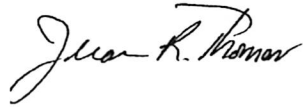
Lillian Perry noted that senior citizens who live alone in their homes often need in-care assistance.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5 YES 0 NO. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 4:00pm at the Aurora Township Youth & Community Center or this meeting may be held virtually due to COVID restrictions.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Juan R. Thomas
Aurora Township Clerk