

**Board Meeting of Aurora Township  
Youth & Community Center  
313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois  
July 8, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation**

**Roll Call and Establish Quorum**

Aurora Township Supervisor William Catching called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and led all present in the pledge of allegiance. Trustee Hicks gave the invocation.

Township Clerk Cassidy Alexander called the roll and declared a quorum. The following officials were present: Supervisor Bill Catching; Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Sam Nunez and Juanita Wells; Deputy Road Commissioner Jason Owens. Highway Commissioner Juan Reyna was excused absent. Assessor Davis Offutt arrived after the meeting was called to order. Also present: Chief of Staff Patty Richardson. Public present: see attached sign-in sheet.

**II. Approval of the Amended Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 10, 2021**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of June 10, 2021, was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Trustee Wells asked to amend the minutes to say that her question was about garbage placement and to correct that Trustee Nunez *stated* that he was enthusiastic about taping meetings on Facebook Live. After these corrections, Catching moved to accept the Amended Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 10, 2021. There was no further discussion and the amended minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**III. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Hearing of June 10, 2021**

Catching moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of June 10, 2021, and seconded by Trustee Wells. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**IV. Motion to Approve Bill Catching's Recent Travel Reimbursements**

A motion was made by Trustee Hicks and seconded by Trustee Wells to reimburse the travel expenses of Supervisor Catching of \$143.71 charged to the Cardmember Services township credit card. Catching explained that he had expenses from his trip to Mt. Vernon for the Township Supervisors of Illinois board meeting and seminar, including meals and overnight stay. Patty Richardson further explained that \$37 on the card was for fuel for township vehicles.

Roll Call vote: Sup. Catching-yes; Trustee Hicks-yes; Trustee Moore-yes; Trustee Nunez-yes; Trustee Wells-yes. Motion passed.

**V. Approval and/or Audit of the Township and Road District Bills**

Supervisor Catching moved to approve the combined **Town Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, General Assistance Fund, Mental Health Fund, Equipment Building Fund, Joint Bridge Fund, CDAP Fund, Town IMRF Fund, Town Social Security Fund, R&B Social Security Fund and R&B IMRF Fund** bills. It was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The bills are as follows:

- a. Town Fund in the amount of \$116,457.14
- b. Road & Bridge Fund in the amount of \$25,060.10
- c. General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$5,183.68
- d. Mental Health Fund in the amount of \$650,925.49
- e. Equipment Building Fund in the amount of \$1,550.70
- f. Joint Bridge Fund in the amount of \$9,690.07

- g. CDAP Fund in the amount of \$6,208.51
- h. Town IMRF Fund in the amount of \$9,068.00
- i. Social Security Fund in the amount of \$8,806.39
- j. R&B Social Security Fund in the amount of \$2,805.40
- k. R&B IMRF Fund in the amount of \$2,780.47

The total for all funds is \$838,535.95

Trustee Nunez asked about Prisco's Grocery Store payment in the CDAP Fund and Ms. Richardson explained that it was a repayment of extra interest included in their CDAP loan payoff. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **VI. Reports**

### **a. Assessor's Report**

Assessor Offutt presented his written report, stating that it was the first time in 20 years that all offices were on time turning in their assessments to Kane County. He said that the goal is to keep reassessments to 20% or less, and they met that goal by only re-assessing 14% of properties this year. The evaluations will be published sometime in August.

### **b. Highway Commissioner's Report**

Deputy Highway Commissioner Owens presented his written report, stating that all is well at the Road District. Supervisor Catching played a voicemail he received from a satisfied citizen, praising the Highway Department for their services for that person's mother.

### **c. Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Catching stated:

1. He went to the Township Supervisors of Illinois board meeting and seminar in Mt. Vernon.
2. The township was included in a lawsuit regarding an accident on a PACE bus where an occupied wheelchair on a bus dislodged and allegedly caused injury. The PACE lawyers are handling it.
3. The township bought a new basketball hoop for a citizen to replace one hit and purportedly damaged by one of our buses.

### **d. Chief of Staff's Report**

Patty Richardson presented the written June 2021 Financial Statement and announced that the township got the second distribution of taxes, enough to operate for at least six months.

Richardson stated that we now have the new phone system from Vonage which uses 5K technology. We have 25 phones in the office which are on a digital system with updated features. She said we purchased the phones to get the best value. Trustee Hicks asked if all the phone numbers would be the same and Richardson confirmed that they would, and that our costs would probably go down by about \$100 per month. Trustee Wells asked if the new system includes the youth center and Richardson said it does not. Trustee Nunez asked if the Youth Center will get on the new system, and Richardson said no, they have Comcast. Supervisor Catching thanked Ms. Richardson for her work on the new phone system.

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

- a. There was no unfinished business.

## **VIII. New Business**

### **a. Resolution 2021-16 Amended Board Meeting Schedule for 2021**

Supervisor Catching moved to amend the board meeting schedule for 2021 to be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (except as noted below) at 4:00 p.m. at the Aurora Township Youth & Community Center, 313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois, with the new schedule to be as follows:

January 14, 2021

February 11, 2021  
March 11, 2021  
April 13, 2021  
May 13, 2021  
June 10, 2021  
July 8, 2021  
July 22, 2021  
August 12, 2021  
August 26, 2021  
September 9, 2021  
September 23, 2021  
October 14, 2021  
October 28, 2021  
November 18, 2021  
December 9, 2021  
December 23, 2021

It was seconded by Trustee Nunez.

Catching noted that we will need to continue to meet at the youth center, as the conference room at the township offices is too small. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

b. Resolution 2021-17 Re-appointing Members of Aurora Township Community Mental Health 708 Board

Supervisor Catching made a motion to reappoint David Moore to the Aurora Township Community Mental Health 708 Board. It was seconded by Trustee Hicks.

At this time, the Executive Director of Inc Board, Dalila Alegria, gave the board members a detailed written report for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, which she stated is the latest report available. This report explains the mission of Inc Board, its relationship to 708 Board, and how their funding is apportioned. Ms. Alegria gave an oral report expounding on all the details. She said she is working with the Kane County Board Chair who wants a countywide 708 Board with a carve-out for 7 townships and 2 municipalities.

Trustee Hicks asked about drug treatment centers for felons near Mercy Hospital and Alegria confirmed that is part of their services. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

c. Approval to Hire Full-time Ride In Kane Driver to Fill Vacant Position

Supervisor Catching made a motion to approve the hiring of a full-time driver for the Ride in Kane program to fill a vacancy due to a driver moving out of state. It was seconded by Trustee Wells.

Catching noted that the township pays less than some others, but we have better benefits. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**IX. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Moore asked Jason Owens if the Highway Department is still looking to hire someone for the senior lawn services, and Owens replied yes.

Trustee Moore asked Ms. Alegria what the driving force was behind the idea to make 708 Board countywide. She replied that it started when both Elgin and Dundee Townships failed on technicalities to get 708 Boards. Moore then asked if the question of making the 708 Board countywide would be a referendum. Ms. Alegria said yes, each township would decide if they wanted to dissolve their 708 Board. She further explained that a countywide program would mean one rate for all, and that there would be additional administration costs.

Trustee Wells commented that they are still having problems with Ride in Kane, with buses very late picking people up. She said she talked to them and found that the program is short 100 drivers and they are working to improve. Wells stated that, although we partner with PACE, the township gets blamed.

Clerk Alexander suggested that the township get a banner for the youth soccer team for the next time they march in a parade. She said without it, they were not easily identified in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, but she thought it was good to have them there to help represent the township. Alexander pointed out that the banner would last many years. Supervisor Catching said it was a good idea and he would look into it.

Trustee Nunez suggested that we have a deadline for who is in and who is out on being in a parade.

#### **X. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **XI. Announcements**

Trustee Hicks announced that the Park District was having a Youth Fishing Derby this Saturday at Jericho Lake at 10 a.m. Hicks stated that the Triad Senior Picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at Phillips Park Pavilion from 11:30–1:30 p.m. and that people may register for \$3 tickets at Prisco Center or with Senior Services Associates.

Hicks stated that the Senior Citizens Services Committee will have their quarterly zoom meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m. when they will have a presenter from the Alzheimers Association speak. She also stated that Senior Services Bingo is every week, now in person, on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 3, and that they have exercise programs, too.

The Aurora Township Foundation for Senior and Youth Services will have Fay's Pork Chop Barbecue Fundraiser on Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Aurora Township Youth Center, 313 Gale St. in Aurora.

#### **XII. Adjournment**

Supervisor Catching made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Trustee Wells and passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

**The next regular board meeting will be on July 22, 2021, at the Aurora Township Youth & Community Center, 313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois at 4 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cassidy Alexander", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cassidy Alexander

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