

Minutes of Aurora Township Board of Trustees Meeting
313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois
September 9, 2021, 4 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and led all in the pledge of allegiance. Trustee Hicks gave the invocation. Township Clerk Alexander called the roll and declared a quorum with the following officials present: Supervisor Catching, Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Sam Nunez and Juanita Wells, and Highway Commissioner Juan Reyna. Assessor Davis Offutt was excused absent. Also present were Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson and Director of Community Services Ken Maurice. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks of Aurora.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 26, 2021

Supervisor Catching moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 26, 2021, and Trustee Hicks seconded it. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

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

- a. Town Fund in the amount of \$72,067.94
- b. Road & Bridge Fund in the amount of \$31,361.65
- c. General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$1,859.68
- d. Mental Health Fund in the amount of \$478,277.16
- e. CDAP Fund in the amount of \$96.25
- f. Town IMRF Fund in the amount of \$4,343.59
- g. R&B IMRF Fund in the amount of \$1,342.84
- h. Town Social Security Fund in the amount of \$4,079.01
- i. R&B Social Security Fund in the amount of \$1,350.00

The total for all bills is \$594,778.12

There was a short discussion regarding the handyman bills, the Kiwanis dues and the General Assistance rental assistance, after which the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Reports

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Offutt provided a written report to the Board explaining the equalization factor and declaring that this is Kane County's 34th consecutive year with an equalization factor of 1.0000, which the report states is a high level of accuracy. The report also mentions that there are 7 Board of Review filings to date, and the bills presented for approval are typical expenses.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Reyna gave an oral report, stating that the department did their usual work, including landscaping for the final drainage work, replacing a street sign, picking up dead animals on the road and equipment maintenance.

c. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Catching gave an oral report, stating that there were several calls to ask for assistance with fallen branches and big trees, that they are continuing discussions on fixing up the Youth Center, and that the Township has ads out for a part-time bus driver for the Youth Center and a full-time bus driver for the main office, as well as a

full time HR Director. There was a short discussion of Ride-In-Kane and the problems with on-time performance by PACE.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

a. Resolution 2021-20 Reappointing Members to Aurora Township Senior Referendum Advisory Commission

Supervisor Catching moved to table Resolution 2021-20 Reappointing Members to Aurora Township Senior Referendum Advisory Commission, mentioning that he hadn't had a chance to get to this yet. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wells. Without further discussion, the motion was tabled by unanimous voice vote.

b. Resolution 2021-21 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund

Supervisor Catching moved to table Resolution 2021-21 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund, saying it was not needed at this time. Trustee Wells seconded the motion. Without further discussion, the motion was tabled by unanimous voice vote.

c. Resolution 2021 – 22 Appointing Member to Aurora Township Youth Commission

Supervisor Catching moved to accept Resolution 2021-22, Appointing Marie Wendt, L.C.S.W., to the Aurora Township Youth Commission. Trustee Moore seconded it. Catching stated that she is well qualified and eager to serve, and that we need more members in the Youth Commission. There was a short discussion of the merits of the Youth Commission and why we are required to have one. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VII. Board Member Comments

Trustee Moore asked if Supervisor Catching had had a chance to follow up on getting Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, one of the authors of the Township Officials of Illinois Handbook, to present a brush up training to the Board. Catching said he hasn't gotten to it yet and would follow up.

Trustee Hicks said the Senior Services Center is going to put a large, Aurora Township banner on their wall to honor the Township for helping them.

Trustee Wells asked how the Township services children with disabilities. Ken Maurice, the Director of Community Services, answered that we follow the law, and find a way to meet their needs and have them participate. Maurice said they are now working on making the Youth Center corners ADA accessible.

VIII. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IX. Announcements

Patty Richardson, on behalf of Suely Cabral, made two announcements:

Rebuilding Together Aurora will have a Bags Tournament on Saturday, September 18, from 9:30 to noon at Philips Park. There is a \$100 fee per team.

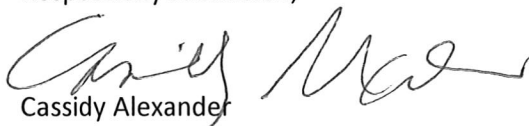
The 2021 Illinois TRIAD Conference & Awards will be held Tuesday, September 28, at Two Brothers Roundhouse, from 9 a.m. to 12:30.

X. Adjournment

Supervisor Catching made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Next Board Meeting is September 23, 2021 at 4 p.m. at the Aurora Township Youth Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk