AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER

313 Gale St., Aurora, IL

Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order; The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm by William R. Catching, Aurora Township Supervisor.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance; was led by Aurora Township Supervisor, William R. Catching.
- III. Invocation: The invocation was given by Trustee Dolores Hicks.
- IV. Roll Call / Establish Quorum; Aurora Township Deputy Clerk Suely Ann Cabral did the roll call, and a quorum was established with the following Officials and Board members present Supervisor William Catching, Trustee Dolores Hicks, Trustee David Moore, Trustee Samuel Núñez, Trustee Juanita Wells, Aurora Township Assessor Davis Offutt, and Highway Commissioner Juan Reyna. Also present: Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, Aurora Township Deputy Clerk Suely Ann Cabral, Dan Taylor, Aurora Township staff, Dr. Peggy Hicks, citizen and Chris Kious, Kane County Forest Preserve.
- V. Approval of the Minutes of the regular Board meeting of September 23, 2021.

 A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Supervisor Catching with the second by Trustee Hicks with the following correction: Trustee Hicks stated that she was the one who thanked Highway Commissioner Juan Reyna for providing the lunch for the seniors, not Trustee Moore. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- VI. Approval and 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, Equipment and Building Fund,
 Town IMRF Fund, R&B IMRF Fund, Town Social Security Fund, and Road and Bridge
 Social Security Fund with a second by Trustee Moore.
 - a. Town Fund \$ 85,523.78
 - b. Road and Bridge Fund \$ 40,932.83
 - c. General Assistance Fund \$ 3,644.97
 - d. Mental Health fund \$ 99,665.92
 - e. Equipment and Building Fund \$ 4,986.01
 - f. Town IMRF Fund \$ 4,341.29
 - g. Town Social Security Fund \$ 4,145. 03
 - h. Road and Bridge Social Security Fund \$ 1,336.93
 - R&B IMRF Fund \$ 1,342.84

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

VII. Reports

a. Assessor's Report

The Assessor provided a written report. Assessor Offutt stated that they received 166 petitions for the Board of Review. They usually get approximately 407. This year the Board of Review will take place on November 8, 2021. The participants will consist of three Kane County Board Members, the Assessor, and the taxpayer.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

The Highway Commissioner provided a written report. Highway Commissioner Reyna stated that they will continue with the senior lawn program through the end of October. They have been providing culvert replacements throughout the year.

c. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Catching stated that he meets with the IT Consultant quarterly. We have had some outages with Comcast. It was down for 1½ days. We have completed some planning for some of our computers.

The Pace local Representative, Taylor Thomas is leaving. We received UBER gift cards for customers to use during peak hours to avoid late and missed trips due to a shortage of drivers.

There is masonry work going on here at the Youth Center.

He and Patty have interviewed 4 candidates for the HR position.

VIII. Unfinished Business

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

Supervisor Catching made a motion to approve the following:

Brenda Brown, 800 Wilder St., Aurora

John Burch III, 374 N. Kendall St., Aurora, IL

Maggie Celis Ferguson, 3213 Homestead Ave., Aurora, IL

Javier Rabadán, 4436 W. Galena Blvd., Aurora, IL

Kim Thurmond, 951 E. Fulton St., Aurora, IL

Al Schuler, 1141 Trask St., Aurora, IL

Mary Ann Vincent, 1248 Oakleaf, Aurora, IL

The motion was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. New Business

a. Senior Snow Removal Program 2022 request for proposal.

Supervisor Catching stated that we have been using one contractor and would like to at least have two contractors for the coming year. Currently there are a little over a hundred seniors who are signed up.

A motion to put out to bid snow removal contractors was made by Supervisor Catching with a second by Trustee Wells. The motion was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

b. Authorize the Hiring of Human Resource Coordinator

The hiring was tabled to the next Board Meeting of October 28, 2021, for Executive Closed Session.

The motion was made by Supervisor Catching with a second by Trustee Moore. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

X. **Board Member Comments**

Trustee Wells stated that she is also sorry to see Ms. Thomas from PACE leave and grateful that the Association for Individual Development (AID) clients that were affected by ride delays were given gift cards.

XI. **Public Comments**

Chris Kious, Kane County Forest Preserve stated that he is the President and has served on the Board for 3 years. He stated that Oakhurst is in Aurora Township. They received a grant to re-do Oakhurst's parking lot. A re-dedicate will be done for Tom Boatright. They also have their own law enforcement.

XII. Announcements

Dr. Peggy Hicks stated that the Fox Valley Christian Ministerial Alliance will host their annual Scholarship Banquet. It will be Hybrid at Two Brothers Roundhouse on Friday November 5, 2021, at 6:00 pm. Six outstanding students will be awarded a scholarship.

Supervisor Catching stated that the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley who manage the scholarship funds for Aurora Township has reached out to him. We will have an Aurora Township Senior & Youth Foundation meeting before the next board meeting of October 28, 2021, to discuss/vote on 2022 scholarships.

Township Officials will host their annual recognition dinner honoring Supervisors on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at the Lincoln Inn.

XIII. Executive Closed Session-Personnel

Was tabled to Board Meeting 10/28/2021.

XIV. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Catching with a second by Trustee Hicks. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held October 28, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. at the Aurora Township Youth & Community Center located at 313 Gale St. Aurora, IL 60506.

Respectfully submitted, Suely Ann Cabral, Deputy Clerk for Aurora Township Clerk, Cassidy Alexander.

Cassidy Alex onder By Dung Arm Calral Centera Town ship Deputy Clerk