

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Youth and Community Center
313 Gale St. Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.
MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Aurora Township Supervisor William Catching called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and led all present in the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Trustee Dolores Hicks. Township Clerk Cassidy Alexander called the roll and established a quorum with the following Officials and Board members present: Supervisor Bill Catching; Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, and Juanita Wells; and Highway Commissioner Juan Reyna. Trustee Sam Nunez was excused absent. Township Assessor Davis Offutt was excused absent. Also present: Director of Finances and Administration Patty Richardson, and Director of Community Services Ken Maurice. Public present: see the sign-in sheet.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2021

Supervisor Catching made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of September 9, 2021, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. There was no discussion. The motion passed 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, Town IMRF Fund, R&B IMRF fund, Town Social Security Fund, and Road & Bridge Social Security Fund bills. It was seconded by Trustee Wells. The bills are as follows:

- a. Town Fund in the amount of \$22,357.02
- b. Road & Bridge Fund in the amount of \$14,274.40
- c. General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$1,411.00
- d. Town IMRF Fund in the amount of \$4,260.52
- e. R&B IMRF Fund in the amount of \$1,342.84
- f. Town Social Security Fund in the amount of \$3,860.97
- g. R&B Social Security Fund in the amount of \$1,350.00

The total of all funds is \$48,856.75

Discussion: There was no discussion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

IV. Reports

a. Assessor's Report

The Assessor gave Board members a written report which, summarized, states that they have, to date, 44 Board of Review filings, and the bills presented in the report represent typical expenses.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Juan Reyna presented a written report, stating that these were the usual duties of the Highway Department. He mentioned that he attended a Kane County Highway Commissioners meeting and the Senior Services meeting and was included in a City of Aurora pre-construction meeting for a non-right-of-way drainage project off Molitor.

c. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Bill Catching reported that:

1. The Senior Services banner dimensions are set, and it is ready to order.
2. The people in charge of the condominium building project just north of the Township Offices contacted him to see about getting an easement for a fire lane for the building. Catching related that it would only be used as an emergency exit and they will draft an agreement and get it to him soon, to present to the Board.
3. He attended a quarterly Ride-In-Kane meeting where the poor on-time performance of PACE was brought up. PACE will present some people with gift cards for Uber rides to help address the PACE overload.
4. There was a Youth Center Commission meeting early this week, which former Trustee Brenda Hernandez attended, and Catching thanked her for her attendance.

Discussion: Trustee Wells, who works at A.I.D., said she is working directly with two people from PACE and has not received any complaint calls since then.

d. Finance and Administration Director's Report

Director Patty Richardson reported that the property taxes are in for September which puts us in a good position for the rest of the year. She also attended the quarterly Ride-In-Kane meeting and said that they are going to identify peak hours vs. non-peak hours and shuffle some rides around for greater efficiency.

e. Community Services Director's Report

Director Ken Maurice stated that:

1. All work on the building was either scheduled, out for estimates, or waiting to be scheduled.
2. Three or four vehicles will be presented to be inventoried out, due to non-use or the costs of repairs being too high relative to their value. He is working with Dan Taylor, the mechanic, to get all vehicles working.
3. He intends to follow up on the security cameras as they are not yet as easy to track as he would like.
4. He had a meeting with Supervisor Catching regarding his innovations at the Youth Center and early next week he would be implementing changes in hours, programs, and so on.

Discussion: Trustee Wells asked what programs they have, and Maurice stated they only have three kids for after-school programs now but want to find one more hire to expand that. He added that he wants to have kids join their parents for aerobics, and he will start up basketball if he can get volunteers to help, as he cannot hire anyone for that. Soccer continues to be a popular program.

V. Unfinished Business

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

Supervisor Catching moved to table Resolution 2021-20 Appointing Members to Aurora Township Senior Referendum Advisory Commission and this was seconded by Trustee Moore.

Discussion: Catching said he met with the chairman of the commission and it was decided that Catching will put out applications on Friday and have them out for a month to get new members. He will receive all applications by the end of October when he will review them and make recommendations at the November Board meeting. Without further discussion, the motion was tabled by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Bill Catching moved to approve Resolution 2021-21 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund which was seconded by Trustee Hicks.

Discussion: Catching reported that our program expenses are down due to Covid, and we need more money to go to building maintenance, so this would work well. Without further discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

VI. New Business

- a. Resolution 2021-23 Declaration of Surplus Equipment
- b. Supervisor Catching moved to pass Resolution 2021-23 Declaration of Surplus Equipment. It was seconded by Trustee Moore.

Discussion: Bill Catching reiterated what Director Maurice reported: we need to get rid of some vehicles. Catching noted all the vehicles were in rough shape. There was some discussion on the best way to dispose of them, with Richardson noting they had some offers to buy. Trustee Moore suggested giving them to a veterans' charity if a sale could not be made. With no further discussion, the resolution passed by a unanimous voice vote.

VII. Board Member Comments

Trustee Hicks thanked the Highway Commission for their contribution to the Senior Services festival which was held earlier today, Sept. 23, 2021.

VIII. Public Comments

Dr. Peggy Hicks, of Aurora, thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve on the Senior Referendum Committee, stating her two-year term will end soon.

IX. Announcements

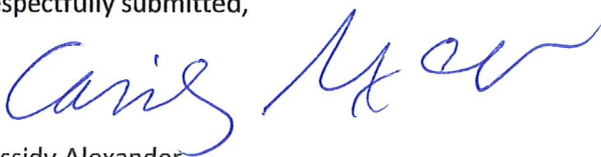
Suely Cabral, the Aurora Township General Assistance Administrator, announced that the quarterly Senior Services Committee will have a Zoom meeting on October 22, 2021, and that they need a presenter. She encouraged Board members to attend.

Ms. Cabral added that the South East Kane County TRIAD (SEKCT) will host a Senior Academy on Monday, November 8, 2021, from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. It will be held at Senior Services Associates, 2111 Plum St. Aurora, IL 60506, and a boxed lunch will be provided for those in attendance. Those who prefer attending the meeting virtually can also participate. To sign up, please call Jen Huber at Senior Services: 630-897-4035. The presenter will talk about Medicare. Ms. Cabral hoped the Township would sponsor five or six gift cards.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk