

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, March 10, 2022
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Aurora Township Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and led all present in the pledge of allegiance. Trustee Hicks gave the invocation. Clerk Cassidy Alexander called the roll and established a quorum with the following Officials and Board members present: Supervisor William Catching; Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, and Juanita Wells; and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Assessor Davis Offutt was excused absent. Trustee Sam Núñez arrived at 4:14. Staff present: Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, and Dan Taylor. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks, Mattie Coble of LDL Corp., Ricky Rodgers of AAMOU, Dr. Vincent Gaddis of LDL Corp., George Scowins, and Robert Paolicchi.

- II. Supervisor Catching moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2022, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The voice vote was four yes, one absent (Trustee Núñez). The motion carried.**

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, Building & Equipment 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:

Town Fund.....	\$78,645.39
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$56,756.93
General Assistance Fund.....	\$7,615.72
Building & Equipment Fund.....	\$1,277.40
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$2,379.30
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$603.88
Social Security Fund.....	\$4,359.46
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$987.47

The total for all funds is \$152,625.55.

The voice vote was four yes, one absent (Trustee Núñez). The motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report stating the usual duties and expenses of the department. Trustee Wells commented that the Assessor's website is user friendly and very good.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report summarizing the usual duties of the department.

c. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Bill Catching announced that he has decided on Bureau Gravity to rebuild the township website for \$22,350. He explained this was a much better price than was estimated by our IT people, since our website would need a complete rebuild from scratch, and that they are well qualified.

Catching announced that he was recently elected chairman of the Paratransit Council. He said Ride-In-Kane gets about half their funding from two federal grants. The Association for Individual Development used to administer them but Kane County now has a full-time employee to administer the grant funds. He added that Kane County is now registering low-income people in the western parts of the county who need transportation.

Sup. Catching stated we are still in need of one more driver, and that one serious candidate declined the job as not paying enough, so he is looking to find room in the budget to increase the pay for all drivers. He is continuing to work on the budget and will present it at the next board meeting.

d. Director of Community Services Report

Director of Community Services Ken Maurice stated that The Youth and Community Center is now open Monday through Friday until 9 p.m. and Saturday from 8 to 5. He is starting plans for summer camp and field trips and facility improvements are continuing. He announced that the Youth Commission will have at least two new members soon.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2022-06 Grant Funding for 2021-2022

Supervisor Catching asked for a motion to accept the grant funding for 2021 – 2022 fiscal year, as follows: a grant of \$15,000 to Senior Services Associates; \$12,500 to the Living Daylight Organization; \$10,000 to The Neighbor Project, and \$5,000 to Rebuilding Together Aurora. Trustee Hicks so motioned. It was seconded by Trustee Moore. There was some discussion about these being routine grants, and that the organizations all do valuable work. The voice vote was four yes, with Catching abstaining. The motion carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2022-07 Declaration of Surplus Office Equipment

Bill Catching moved to approve Resolution 2022-07 which was seconded by Trustee Wells. Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson explained that they had freed up a lot of space by disposing of old records and didn't need 9 file cabinets of various sizes. Catching thanked the staff for doing the work. When asked by Trustee Núñez how the cabinets would be disposed of, she explained that they are in bad shape and will either be donated or recycled. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

b. Resolution 2022-08 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund

Catching moved to pass resolution 2022-08 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund. It was seconded by Trustee Moore. Trustee Núñez asked if the \$5,000 for grant funding was for the grants voted on today, and Ms. Richardson said yes, that passing this today will cover checks next week. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Supervisor Catching was asked if he looked at other website builders, and he said no, because the Aurora business is well recommended, experienced with government websites, and already have a large collection of photos of Aurora.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Vincent Gaddis thanked the board for its continued support of the Living Daylight Organization and said its summer STEM program was making a difference in children's lives. Trustee Wells commented that their grant was very well written with a lot of information in it.

Dr. Peggy Hicks said that, since a lot of seniors in Aurora Township have tablets, they are ahead of the game in technology compared to many other townships.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Catching announced that the 47th Annual Age Guide Northeastern Illinois Meeting & Luncheon will be on April 28th at Cantigny Park in Wheaton from 9 to 1. The cost is \$50 per person. Please RSVP no later than April 10 to Katie Hauser at 630-785-2609.

Trustee Dolores Hicks announced that the Senior Dance is back and will be held March 24 from 4 to 8 at Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn. Anyone over age 60 may go. There is a \$5 donation requested, which includes a meal. A bus will be provided and will leave the township at 3 p.m. You must register ahead by calling Senior Services at 630-897-4035.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be on March 24, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk