

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois

Thursday, March 24, 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 4:03 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, Sam Núñez, and Juanita Wells; Highway Commissioner Jason Owens, and Assessor Davis Offutt. Staff present: Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson and Dan Taylor. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks, and Betsy Bellario of the St. Charles Canoe Club.

II. Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 10, 2022**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by a 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, 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.....	\$105,590.36
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$52,859.41
General Assistance Fund.....	\$2,215.45
Building & Equipment Fund.....	\$136,912.56
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$2,395.85
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$597.72
Social Security Fund.....	\$4,307.23
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$977.34

The total for all funds is \$305,855.92

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Catching noted that \$22,350 for Bureau Gravity was to rebuild the website, and \$4,795 for The Great Escape was for new games for the Youth Center, which is now open until 9 p.m. M-F. Trustee Núñez asked when the games would be in, and Director of Community Services Maurice said they are expected to arrive in 2 - 3 weeks. Núñez also asked if anyone was signed up yet for the Santa's Village field trip and Maurice replied no, but it is wise to secure the reservation early, as it's always popular. Without further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report stating they are doing the usual duties of processing commercial prospects and so on. He said the Senior Assessment Freeze qualification income is still \$65,000 and that there had been an opportunity for it to go to \$75,000 but that did not make it into law. Also, Supervisor of Assessments Mark Armstrong asked every assessor in Kane County to only revalue up to 20% of their parcels because of the cost to post each reevaluation in the newspaper.

It was seconded by Trustee Wells. The Supervisor stated that since the budget was not yet ready, this could not yet be voted on. The motion to table carried in a unanimous voice vote.

g. Catching moved to TABLE **Ordinance 2022-15 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Road Fund.**

It was seconded by Trustee Moore. It is likewise not ready. The motion to table carried in a unanimous voice vote.

h. Catching moved for **Approval of Hourly Rate Increase for Ride-In-Kane Drivers.**

It was seconded by Trustee Moore. Catching said we still needed one more driver and after looking for 3 to 4 months it's clear we need to compete. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Wells asked if the mask mandate had been removed for Ride-In-Kane and Supervisor Catching said he was not aware of any such change. Masks still need to be worn on public transportation.
- Trustee Hicks reminded all that the Senior Dance was tonight, from 4 to 8 at Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Betsy Bellario of the St. Charles Canoe Club announced that *Kids In Boats* would be held June 18 and described how much it means to children who would not otherwise get the opportunity to experience riding in a boat. She said the St. Charles Canoe Club would like the township to approve money toward this event, which the club sponsors.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Bill Catching moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 4:50 p.m.

The Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on TUESDAY, April 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Followed by the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING on TUESDAY, April 12, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk