

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, April 28, 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 4:00 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; Highway Commissioner Jason Owens, and Assessor Davis Offutt. Trustee Sam Núñez was excused absent. Staff present: Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson and Dan Taylor. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks, David Smith of *At Risk Mentoring*, and Ricky Rodgers of the Sankofia African Heritage Museum.

II. Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 12, 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, Equipment & Building 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.....	\$10,254.01
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$61,755.08
General Assistance Fund.....	\$3,452.88
Building & Equipment Fund.....	\$4,216.95
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$2,466.75
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$679.99
Social Security Fund.....	\$4,406.52
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,112.41

The total for all funds is \$88,344.59

The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report and stated that the tax bills will go in the mail today or tomorrow. He added that the Treasurer's Report online has all the tax bills also.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report. He said it has been a long time since they have done a second phase of resurfacing and that Jericho Road from Edgelawn to Orchard would be done before the Marywood subdivision. Trustee Hicks asked about the senior mowing services and if they were full, and Owens replied that they were for now. They are requesting more equipment and trying to find more workers so that they can service more seniors' homes in the future. There was an extended discussion of these services.

c. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Bill Catching said the township has switched to multi-factor authentication for Microsoft and suggest we all put the MS app on our phones. He reminded all elected officials that the Statement of Economic Interest is due May 1st at the Kane County Clerk's office.

Catching stated that, in keeping with the latest directives, public transportation no longer requires wearing masks. Lastly, he said employee evaluations are ongoing and raises will be considered.

d. Director of Finance and Administration's Report

Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson presented the March financial statement and said the auditors have already started their preliminary work. She added that at the next board meeting we will have raises ready to present.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2022-11 Appointing Members to the Aurora Township Youth Commission

Bill Catching moved to approve Resolution 2022-11, appointing members to the Aurora Township Youth Commission. It was seconded by Trustee Moore.

The appointed members would be as follows:

Initial Terms: Todd Coleman, Aurora Police Department; Paul Heinkel, Senior Services Associates; Iliana Rivera Núñez, District 131 Parent & Family Services Coordinator; Jason Owens, Aurora Township Highway Department; Morris Owens Jr., Middle School Basketball Official; Doug Postlewaite, Retired Officer Kane County Jail; Don Roberts, Elssy Fabela Foundation. Continuing terms: Paul Patricoski; Diane Christian; Mary Garza; State Representative Barbara Hernandez; Dolores Hicks; James Brown.

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Catching said the Youth Commission got sparse for a while but the bylaws allow up to 15 members. He noted Marie Wendt was approved last time. He wants to stagger terms, so there will be a lottery for 1-year, 2-year and 3-year terms at the next meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2022-19 Authorizing the Highway Commissioner to Purchase Used Equipment.

Supervisor Catching moved to approve Resolution 2022-19 authorizing the Highway Commissioner to purchase used equipment. It was seconded by Trustee Wells.

DISCUSSION: Hwy. Com. Owens said he wants to purchase a truck to expand the senior mowing program and said a decent used truck would be \$40K to \$45K. He hasn't settled on a particular one yet. He said the state bid is very delayed and just no good. Without further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

•Trustee Moore stated that he would like to see more structure in place at the Annual Town Meeting for the 3 minute Rule for members of the public to speak, to avoid some of the problems at the last meeting. There followed an extensive discussion, including Bill Catching saying we could add the 3 Minute Rule into the agenda at the next Annual Town Meeting.

•Trustee Wells said we need guidelines written out for what handyman services the township provides so as to be clear to everyone. There followed an extensive discussion of what we do and what other organizations can do. Trustee Hicks said there was a Listening Tour that went to a lot of churches to present information but no one paid attention. She reminded everyone that you can call 211 to find out what groups are available to help you.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Peggy Hicks said there were a lot of accusations hurled at the last Annual Town Meeting and that it was not the place for that. She explained that the complaints that "people were pretending to do work in Aurora" was not

correct; that headquarters or satellite offices may be outside Aurora but that all these groups do work in Aurora and are credible, accountable, and on file with the Secretary of State.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Smith announced that his Not For Profit group, "At Risk Mentoring" has been given a space by Bigelo Homes at 1002 Four Seasons Blvd. in the Hometown housing community and they intend to make it into their headquarters, meeting space and youth center.

Ricky Rodgers said this Saturday will be a community clean-up at the Sankofia African Heritage Museum. Volunteers are welcome.

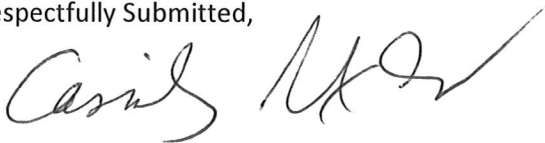
Trustee Hicks announced that the Kidz N Boats event is back, and will be held Saturday, June 18 at Phillips Park. They give kayak and canoe rides to youth who would not usually get a chance to ride in a boat. Register at the Aurora Township Youth Center.

VIII. 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 4:48 p.m.

The Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on THURSDAY, May 12, 2022, at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk