

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois
Tuesday, May 12, 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 Moore 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, Juanita Wells; and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Trustee Sam Núñez and Assessor Davis Offutt were excused absent. Staff present: Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, Suely Cabral and Dan Taylor. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks, Ricky Rodgers of AAMU.

II. Supervisor Catching moved to **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2022**, which was seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion carried 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, Liability Insurance Fund, CDAP 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 Hicks. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$152,530.89
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$100,219.87
General Assistance Fund.....	\$6,957.39
Liability Insurance Fund.....	43,348.00
CDAP Fund.....	275.00
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$2,424.23
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$587.83
Social Security Fund.....	\$4,585.96
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,316.83

The total for all funds is \$312,246.00. Without discussion, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report stating the usual duties and expenses of the department.

a. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report and emphasized that rain was a major issue during the last two weeks.

b. Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Bill Catching said they've hired a new Ride In Kane driver who will start mid-June.
- There was a positive Covid case in the office and that person is isolating.

- The employee evaluations are completed.
- Catching met with the contracted IT consultant and is negotiating with them on the contract renewal. We want new laptops for the youth center, and he is negotiating that price as well.
- On behalf of the township, Catching expressed condolences to Suely Cabral, General Assistance Caseworker, on the passing of her mother.

c. Director of Community Services Report

- Director of Community Services Ken Maurice stated that they are getting ready for summer camp, both taking applications and recruiting candidates for summer camp jobs. He said it's a tight labor market and hard to get commitments, and the number of employees needed depends on how many kids sign up, so it's a fluid process.
- The Township will be hosting this year's National Night Out on August 2nd at the Youth Center.
- The Memorial Day Parade, as well as the July 4th parade, is coming up and Maurice will provide a car if any board member wants to ride in the parade.
- The State of Illinois has put out information on violence prevention, and the Kane County Chair is coordinating with the local advisory councils.
- He and Catching are looking at costs for playground equipment at the Youth Center and are going to take down the playground equipment on Montgomery Rd.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of Annual Employee Pay Rate Increase

Supervisor Catching distributed a written sheet of suggested pay increases for each employee and moved to approve them. Trustee Moore seconded. Trustee Hicks said she would like to discuss this more and that it should be in closed session at the next board meeting. Without objection, Wells moved to Table the Approval of Annual Employee Pay Rate Increase and have an executive session at the next meeting. Catching seconded it. The motion to table carried by unanimous voice vote.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee David Moore noted that the Cinco de Mayo party at Senior Services had a good turnout. Trustee Wells asked if we were going to have an employee picnic this year. Supervisor Catching said yes, and Patty Richardson said they're looking at the end of June. Wells volunteered to be on the picnic committee.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ricky Rodgers said the clean up of their museum did happen, though it was rescheduled, and it's looking much better than it did. He said the fence would be repaired by the next board meeting. He announced AAMU would have a Juneteenth celebration on June 18.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Hicks said Senior Services will have a Senior Dance this Thursday at Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn. Hwy. Commissioner Owens announced that Kevin Hale is retiring after 9 years and thanked him for his service.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried in a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cassidy Alexander". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cassidy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Alexander".

Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk