

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, May 26, 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 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 Sam Núñez; and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Assessor Davis Offutt was excused absent. Trustee Juanita Wells was absent. Staff present: Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, and Dan Taylor. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks, George Scowins and Ed Ryan.

Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 12, 2022**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

II. 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, Mental Health Fund, Equipment & Building Fund, CDAP 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.....	\$21,583.72
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$4,409.62
General Assistance Fund.....	\$911.40
Mental Health Fund.....	\$57,365.34
Building & Equipment Fund.....	\$4,831.40
CDAP Fund.....	\$137.50
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$2,458.49
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$692.56
Social Security Fund.....	\$4,407.58
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,463.82

The total for all funds is \$98,261.43. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

III. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report that states that tax bills were mailed out and received by taxpayers, and questions on the bills have put a hold on reviewing market changes for neighborhoods.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report of the usual duties of the road department and added that rain has continued to be a problem.

c. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Catching said he attended a meeting of Township Supervisors of Illinois last week in Mt. Vernon. He stated that he has signed the subordination agreement with Gray's Mill. The Village of Montgomery granted \$200,000 to Gray's Mill and demanded to be in first position on the mortgage. Catching said the money is to develop a brewery/distillery on the premises.

d. Director of Finance and Administration's Report

Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson presented the April financial statements including the annual budgets. She said we got the first property tax allocation on May 18th and noted that the Mental Health distribution is part of this tax allocation.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Ordinance 2022-14 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Town Fund

Bill Catching moved to accept Ordinance 2022-14 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Town Fund. Trustee Hicks seconded. There was no discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Catching – yes; Hicks – yes; Moore – yes; Núñez – yes. Wells – absent. Motion carried.

b. Ordinance 2022-15 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Road Fund

Bill Catching moved to accept Ordinance 2022-15 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Road Fund. Trustee Moore seconded. There was no discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Catching – yes; Hicks – yes; Moore – yes; Núñez – yes. Wells – absent. Motion carried.

c. Discussion of Annual Employee Pay Rate Increases

Supervisor Catching moved to table the discussion of annual employee pay rate increases due to the absence of Trustee Wells, who originally asked that the board be given time to discuss it in closed session and asked that this be put off. It was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion to table carried by unanimous voice vote.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Bill Catching made a motion to hire three full-time employees: Youth Outreach Worker, Monica Vasquez; Ride In Kane Driver, Brandon Webb; and Youth Administrative Assistant, Daniela Garcia. It was seconded by Trustee Moore. Catching presented the board with written credentials for each candidate. He mentioned that Webb would not start until mid-June. The motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Hicks said we now have enough sponsors for Kidz N Boats that no township money is needed. Catching added that he secured the Pavilion at Phillips Park for that day.

Trustee Moore asked how we are set to handle summer programs and Director of Community Services Ken Maurice answered that we are all set, provided the hires show up as scheduled. Trustee Núñez asked how many are signed up and Maurice said 35, but there are still a few more days to sign up so that could change. Núñez asked if drop off would be available, and Maurice said it was, but they are not encouraging that, but stressing summer camp instead. He added after 12 would start the drop-in hours.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

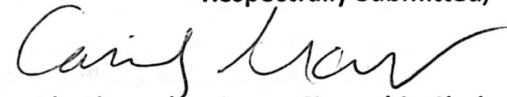
Dolores Hicks said they had a good senior dance last week at Abbington Banquets, with over 600 people. The next senior dance will be June 23 at Gaslight Manor.

Dr. Peggy Hicks said the first class of the pre-employment job readiness program/career reset would have their graduation June 2 at Santori Library from 6 to 7:30. This was a pilot project through the State of Illinois. She thanked the township for the use of space for the program.

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 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cassidy Alexander, Aurora Township Clerk