

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, June 23, 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 Juanita Wells. Trustee Sam Núñez, Highway Commissioner Jason Owens, and Assessor Davis Offutt were all excused absent. Staff present: Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, and Dan Taylor. Public present: Ed Ryan, George Scowins, Ellis Dudley, Ricky Rodgers, and Dr. Peggy Hicks, all of Aurora.

II. Supervisor Catching moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2022, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks.

Trustee Moore objected to the wording in part 9: Action Resulting from Executive Closed Session. After discussion, the motion failed. Catching then moved to **TABLE THE APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2022**, so that they could be revised, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion to table carried by 4 yes voice votes.

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, Mental Health Fund, Town IMRF Fund, R&B IMRF Fund, Town Social Security Fund, and Road & Bridge Social Security Fund bills, as presented in the Bills Payable and Updated Bills Payable Reports. It was seconded by Trustee Wells. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$37,564.45
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$17,118.71
General Assistance Fund.....	\$7,006.41
Mental Health Fund.....	\$667,417.31
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$2,791.37
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$575.99
Social Security Fund.....	\$5,486.56
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,455.01

The total for all funds is \$739,415.81. Bill Catching said that he spoke with our attorney regarding a slight mix-up last month in the funds read aloud vs. the funds actually in the bills payable reports, and the attorney suggested adding the above wordage to the regular approval motions. The motion carried with 4 yes voice votes.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report that states that the Assessor's Office has met the statute of June 15, 2022 for the submission of the 2022 assessments. Revalued parcels were just under 11%, which was also within the limits requested by the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report of the usual duties of the road department. He wrote that there is a strike at one of his major suppliers and he is working with Ms. Richardson to amend their petty cash policy to address this issue. He also mentioned that he attended the Kidz in Boats event.

c. Supervisor's Report

•Supervisor Catching thanked the St. Charles Canoe Club for the very successful Kidz in Boats event on June 18th.

- He said he has signed the final plat for the fire lane for the complex going up just north of the Township Offices and added that the developers intend to break ground in September.
- He signed a 3-year contract with Impact, our regular I.T. company, with 5% increases per year built-in. There will be 10 new laptops for the Youth Center. He noted that our information needs to be well secured, which is ever more complicated, so two more licenses are in the contract.

d. Director of Finance and Administration's Report

- Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson presented the May financial statements, which are fine.
- She stated we received \$2.2million in property taxes, which is 52% of the property tax levy, and is enough for the township to run 6 months or so.
- Richardson distributed to the board a written explanation for the various pay raises, as requested by the board.
- She said we are attempting to increase the limits on our credit card, as we have a lot of field trips planned.
- She also explained that there were two separate checks to Old Second Bank to increase the petty cash amount at the Road District in order that Hwy. Commissioner Owens could use smaller amounts as needed during the supplier's strike. The new, alternate supplier only accepts cash.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Bill Catching moved to Approve Resolution 2022-21 Reappointing Members of Aurora Township Community Mental Health 708 Board Members Christine Goerlich Weber and Robert Borchert.

It was seconded by Trustee Wells. Catching discussed their work and their merit, and said the terms are staggered, so one has a one-year term and the other has a two-year term. Without further discussion, the motion carried by 4 yes voice votes.

- b. Supervisor Catching moved to Table An Intergovernmental Agreement between Aurora Township and Batavia Township to Provide General Assistance Services.

It was seconded by Trustee Moore. Catching explained that the agreement isn't in place yet, with legal terms still needing to be worked out. The motion passed by 4 yes voice votes.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Hicks thanked Betsy Valerio and the St. Charles Canoe Club for putting on another successful Kidz in Boats event. She also thanked the church members who helped serve food, Gordon Food, and all those who came out. She said this is the only event of its kind in the area so it's important to keep it going. Bill Catching added a thank you to the City of Aurora and Alderman Ed Bugg and other aldermen who helped fund this event.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ellis Dudley said he was new to Aurora and just came to say hello and see what's going on. He said his son will be using the Youth Center.

Ricky Rodgers thanked the township for its support of their Juneteenth Celebration. He added that the Kane County Board has approved the African American Men of Unity museum project and that he will present their plans to the Aurora Township Board at the next meeting.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Catching reminded everyone that August 8 is our annual Fay's Barbecue Fundraiser.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk