

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, June 9, 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 4:04 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; Assessor Davis Offutt; and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Staff present: Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, and Dan Taylor. Public present: Ricky Rodgers of AAMU.

II. Supervisor Catching moved to **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF MAY 26, 2022**, which was seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

III. Supervisor Catching moved to **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 26, 2022**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried with four yes votes. Trustee Wells abstained.

IV. APPROVAL AND/OR AUDIT OF TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS

- a. Supervisor Catching moved to approve the combined Town Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, General Assistance Fund, Equipment & Building Fund, R&B Joint Bridge 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.....	\$112,233.58
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$15,809.16
General Assistance Fund.....	\$7,075.87
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$1,352.23
R&B Joint Bridge Fund.....	\$2,408.22
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$2,370.03
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$464.62
Social Security Fund.....	\$4,503.48
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,137.02

The total for all funds is \$147,354.21. There was a brief discussion of a few expenditures. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

b. Supervisor Catching moved to Approve Travel Reimbursements for his trip to Mt. Vernon for the Township Supervisors of Illinois meeting. It was seconded by Trustee Moore. Catching noted that rules now require a roll call vote from the board. Catching's expenses were \$308.88 for gas & mileage, \$126.32 for one night at the Drury Hotel and \$74.09 for meals. Roll Call Vote: Catching – Y; Hicks –Y; Moore – Y; Núñez –Y; Wells – Y. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report, noting that they have finished all revalues and are working on new construction assessments, etc. He said Kane County has figured the equalization factors and Aurora Township is at 7.41%. He added that the "books" will be sent to Kane County on June 15th.

a. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report and emphasized that rain was still an issue during the last two weeks. He noted that the drainage project on the N. Marywood subdivision is a major job, and when it is done, probably sometime in July, the resurfacing will commence. Jericho road resurfacing is still pending.

b. Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Bill Catching said he and Highway Commissioner Owens went to a neighborhood meeting in Lee Subdivision, near Orchard & Jericho, and got feedback from the residents.
- He has the early numbers for health insurance and the rates have dropped about 35% for this year, due to the fact that we have fewer than 50 full time equivalents (due to Covid), and per the ACA, we were put in a larger community "pool" of insurees. He said this likely will not last, as we expect to have 50 or more full time equivalents after this coming year, meaning we will again be in a smaller, older, more expensive population of insurees, which will send the rates back up.
- Catching noted that if you go to the African American Health Expo at Prisco Center this Saturday, you will see the brand-new banner for Aurora Township.

c. Director of Community Services Report

- Director of Community Services Ken Maurice stated that summer camp started June 6th and things are going well and all staff is on board. There are a lot of field trips planned and the summer will be busy, with long days.
- He said they are now painting the building because of the previous tuck pointing, and there will be signage on both sides of the building.
- They have accommodated the senior aerobics class at 8 a.m. and regular class also at 8 a.m. Trustee Hicks noted that 8 a.m. was also the time of the senior aerobics class in the past.

Trustee Wells asked how many were signed up for camp and Maurice said 37, which he said was just about right. He said the ages were from going into 1st grade in the fall to going into 6th grade. Trustee Núñez asked the ages for dropping off, and Maurice replied 7 to 17, though if they're still in high school they can be 18.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Discussion of Annual Employee Pay Rate Increases

Supervisor Catching moved to go into executive closed session to discuss pay rate increases and it was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VII. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – Discussion of Annual Employee Pay Rate Increases

Motion to adjourn the executive closed session was made by Bill Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Clerk Alexander called the votes to reconvene in open session:

Roll Call: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. Meeting reconvened at 5:14 p.m.

IX. ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

Bill Catching moved to approve the annual employee pay rate increases as presented to the board on June 9, 2022, with a written report of the reasoning to follow. It was seconded by Trustee Núñez. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2022-20 Aurora Township Personal Property Replacement Tax

Supervisor Catching moved to approve Resolution 2022-20 Aurora Township Personal Property Replacement Tax, which was seconded by Trustee Moore. Catching reminded all that when the township gets money from the state it must be divided among the local municipalities within the township. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee David Moore said he attended the Pre-Employment Readiness Program and Graduation at Prisco Center on June 2nd and was happy to see a diverse group of up-and-coming entrepreneurs.

Trustee Wells asked if we could go back to meeting at the conference room at the township offices on Broadway. She suggested we might be able to adjust the tables further apart. Catching said he would like to but wants to wait another month or so, as we've still had positive Covid cases recently.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ricky Rodgers, of African American Men of Unity, said they are moving forward with their museum and that they expect to have approval for all their upgrades from Kane County on June 21st. The special use was already approved. They are expanding from 900 sq. ft. to about 4,000 sq. ft. He said he would have a presentation for the board in the future.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catching reminded everyone of the Fay's Bar-be-que Fundraiser coming up on Aug. 8 and gave the board members their tickets to sell and posters to put up around town. He also reminded everyone of the Kidz In Boats event at Philips Park on June 18 from 10 to 2.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Bill Catching moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried in a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk