

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, January 12, 2023
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

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 Catching; Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Sam Núñez, and Juanita Wells. Highway Commissioner Jason Owens arrived at 4:04 p.m. and Assessor Davis Offutt was excused absent. Staff present: Director of Community Services Ken Maurice and Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson. Public present: George Scowins, R. Paolicchi, and Dr. Peggy Hicks.

II. Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 22, 2022**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried without discussion.

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 as presented to the board. It was seconded by Trustee Moore. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$76,637.25
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$26,494.39
General Assistance Fund.....	\$11,175.58
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$5,475.16
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$2,649.23
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$802.16
Social Security Fund.....	\$4,864.85
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,358.17

The total for all funds is \$129,456.79. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt submitted a written report, stating that the Kane County Board of Review 2022 hearings and reviews have been logged in and next week everything will be rolled over to 2023.

a. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report, noting that they have used their time between storms to clean, purge and reorganize the offices.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Núñez asked Owens to explain the ongoing tax levy challenges stated in the report. Owens said there are sometimes challenges to how much money is kept in a fund, which the Kane County District Attorney asks us about. Owens said the department needs to save up for long-term projects, such as maintenance of the Ashland Avenue bridge. He mentioned he's been working with Director of Finance Patty Richardson, who is very helpful with these matters.

b. Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Catching said the new website is up, but there are a few glitches they're working on. He said he and our receptionist will be receiving training on working with the WordPress system, and that more local videos will soon be added for an additional cost.
- Catching said he is helping Blackberry Township, which has a surplus of assistance paraphernalia such as walkers, toilet stools, wheelchairs, etc. to give away. Suggestions were made for places to donate them.
- He stated that the township is putting in badly needed new water pipes in the Ogden Gardens district.

c. Director of Community Services Report

Ken Maurice submitted a written report on the various activities of the Youth Center. He noted that the center will be open from 8 am to 7 pm for the Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Supervisor Catching moved to pass **Resolution 2023-01 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund** And it was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

b. Supervisor Catching moved to pass **Resolution 2023-02 Transfer of Appropriation – General Assistance Fund** which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

c. Supervisor Catching moved to pass **Resolution 2023-03 Appointing Member to the Aurora Township Youth Commission.** Trustee Moore gave the second. DISCUSSION: Catching said Ricky Rodgers has a history of service in the community and will be a good addition to the commission. Without discussion, the motion carried.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Wells reported a light on her street that was repaired but is out again. Com. Owens said he will get on it.
- Trustee Hicks commented that the Evening of Intergenerational Fun on December 20th at the Youth Center was a wonderful party and a big hit with both young and old. Director Maurice said he had decided to combine the two age groups together in one party instead of two, and agreed it went well.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

•Dr. Peggy Hicks said the annual Martin Luther Kind free breakfast will be at the Temple of God Church this Monday at 9 a.m. It is put on by the Fox Valley Christian Ministerial Alliance and will start at 9 a.m. with a program about an hour long. She mentioned that the Kane County Sheriff will be there, among others.

•Dr. Hicks also said they are preparing a lot of activities for Black History month, starting with a banquet on February 5th at Prisco Center.

•The Supervisor wished Trustee David Moore a happy birthday on January 20, on behalf of the entire board.

•Trustee Dolores Hicks said the Senior Citizen Services Committee will have a meeting on January 27 in person at the Township Youth Center starting at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast. The speaker is Becki Crake from Bardwell Residence.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells. With a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk