

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, February 9, 2023
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
INVOCATION
ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4:04 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 Catching; Trustees Dolores Hicks, Sam Núñez, and Juanita Wells, Assessor Davis Offutt, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Trustee David Moore was excused absent. Staff present: Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, and HR Director Jennifer Haurykiewicz. Public present: Betty and Don Jackley, and Dr. Peggy Hicks.

II. Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 26, 2023**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried without discussion.

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

a. 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 Wells. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$71,647.26
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$41,835.27
General Assistance Fund.....	\$10,713.66
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$14,886.51
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$538.59
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$184.75
Social Security Fund.....	\$5,034.91
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,470.54

The total for all funds is \$146,311.49. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

b. Bill Catching asked for a **Motion to Approve Travel Reimbursements to William Catching** in the amount of \$28.37 related to travel expenses for the Kane County Township Supervisors Meeting. Trustee Wells so moved and the second was from Trustee Hicks. Roll Call vote: Catching abst.; Hicks – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor’s Report

Assessor Davis Offutt summarized his written report, explaining that every four years is a “general assessment” year, when all property must be reassessed, and 2023 the year for it. He said it costs 80¢ per parcel and there are about 39,000 parcels in the township. The cost is borne by Kane County.

b. Highway Commissioner’s Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens said the department ordered two new trucks last year, and the second truck will be arriving soon but with a price tag 10% higher than the contract stated. Owens is looking into whether this is allowed. He also stated that they had planned to use the old build-out for the truck but found it rotted out, so a new one is needed. As prices keep rising due to supply chain issues, he fears the cost will be \$60 – 70,000 more than originally planned for.

c. Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Catching said he will sign a new Ride-In-Kane service agreement soon.
- He stated the Kane County Sheriff's Department code enforcement is going through the Mocherville subdivision to take care of long-standing problems with code violations. Catching said the notices had a Spanish translation as well. He added he wants to put a dumpster there in the spring and help clean up the area for the residents. Hwy. Com. Owens volunteered his department to share in the cost of dumpsters. Catching said the Sheriff Dept. plans to address code violations in every unincorporated area of Aurora Township.
- Catching said that Habitat for Humanity is building a new subdivision on Jericho Rd. just off the Lee subdivision with a large grant obtained by U. S. Rep. Bill Foster. Catching said the City of Aurora and Alderman Carl Franco, whose district it is in, did not think it would be controversial, with homes in the \$300,000+ range. The residents of Lee subdivision were not given individual notice and some are unhappy about this new subdivision, including Betty and Don Jackley. DISCUSSION: Mr. Jackley stated that the water runoff for that subdivision goes through their property and wanted to know how that would be addressed. Owens said he would investigate if he has a say in granting permission for it to be in Aurora Township. He added that the Road Department has a list of places where they need to fix drainage issues and he is working with the county on this.

d. Director of Community Services Report

Ken Maurice submitted a written report and stated that the kitchen repairs were going to be more costly than originally planned because the termite infestation they found was massive, and posts, beams and walls will need to be replaced. He had photos available.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Supervisor Catching moved to pass **Resolution 2023-06 Transfer of Appropriation – General Assistance Fund** which was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Supervisor Catching moved to pass **Resolution 2023-07 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund** It was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve Ride In Kane Driver Reclassification from On-Call to Full-Time Status**. The second was Trustee Wells. HR Director Jennifer Haurykiewicz said that the driver now was willing to do his art in his spare time. Catching said we are still down one driver. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Hicks said she was very pleased with the way things are going at the Youth Center and commended Director Maurice for his efforts.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Peggy Hicks, on behalf of the 22nd Annual Black History Committee, presented an award to Hwy. Commissioner Jason Owens, honoring him for faithfully providing chicken and serving in the kitchen at their events for many years.

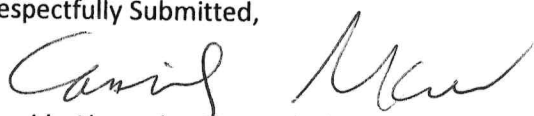
VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trustee Dolores Hicks said that Senior Black History will be celebrated Friday, February 24 at 11 a.m. at Senior Services. She said there will be food and the township is a sponsor.
- Supervisor Catching announced the Senior Services Associates Annual Meeting would be February 28 at Elgin Community College. There is a cost to attend. Please RSVP by Feb. 16, 2023.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. With a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cassidy Alexander, Town Clerk