

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, March 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 4:02 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, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Assessor Davis Offutt was excused absent. Staff present: Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson. Public present: Dep. Brian Demeter of the Kane County Sheriff Department, George Scowins, Bob Paolicchi, and Dr. Peggy Hicks.

II. Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 23, 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 Moore. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$98,263.66
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$26,827.65
General Assistance Fund.....	\$15,277.22
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$961.22
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$539.77
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$129.59
Social Security Fund.....	\$4,979.44
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,030.97

The total for all funds is \$148,009.52. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report, stating that they are continuing the updated property valuations and that field deputies, who are officially identified, are out taking new property photographs.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens turned in a written report stating many usual duties of the department. He reiterated that the cost of a new truck and other equipment has risen enormously, which accounts for a larger equipment budget this year. He also said that he and Dep. Demeter went to the Leigh subdivision monthly meeting on Tuesday, where about 120 residents were able to express their concerns to the Habitat 4 Humanity executives who are planning a new development just east of Leigh subdivision. After conferring with the township attorney, Com. Owens had determined that he had the authority to stop the new development from connecting with unincorporated roads, and he said, due to the overwhelming majority of residents being opposed due to possible drainage and traffic issues, he officially denied Habitat 4 Humanity the right to connect with those unincorporated roads at that meeting.

c. Supervisor's Report

•Supervisor Catching asked Dep. Brian Demeter to give a report on his recent actions in Mocherville. Dep. Demeter said that of 21 houses who were given ordinance violation notices for vehicles, 9 were stickered. He said he had some push-back, but those who do not comply will have their vehicles towed. He also announced that April 22 will be a clean-up event from 8 a.m. to noon in Mocherville at Allen Elementary School. They will have a metal recycling container, a garbage dumpster and Hwy. Com. Owens said his department will assist with a tire clean up.

•Supervisor Catching said he was re-elected as Chairman of the Kane County Paratransit Council. He explained that they are using a ride share service called UZURV to supplement service. He had a roundtable with state Senator Villa regarding gaps in service between counties. Catching said although there have been many complaints against PACE, the township has no authority over PACE. He added that Aurora Township is the largest sponsor of Ride In Kane, while noting the City of Aurora makes no contributions to Ride in Kane.

•Catching announced that there is a new video on our website focusing on General Assistance, which adds to the one on the Youth Center, and two more are in the works: one for Ride In Kane, and one on the Assessor's Office.

•Supervisor Catching stated that the contractor for East Bank Residences, as the planned development just north of the township offices is called, will use the grassy bank and most, if not all, of the Spring Street entrance while the construction takes place, which is estimated to be 20 months. Catching said he would ask for compensation from the developer for the inconvenience of blocking off Spring Street.

•Catching noted that lawn mowing Requests for Proposals will be published soon and he expects to have some results to present to the board at the next meeting.

d. Director of Community Services Report

Ken Maurice submitted a written report and reminded the board that the kitchen repairs were three-fold: the upgrade of cabinets, the repair of hidden leaks, and the eradication of termites, including replacing a wall. He also noted that the hole in the Montgomery Rd. fence is on track to be repaired.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Ordinance 2023-11 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – Town Fund

Supervisor Catching moved to place the Town Fund Budget on public display for 30 days followed by a public hearing on said budget. Trustee Wells seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

b. Ordinance 2023-12 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – Road Fund

Supervisor Catching moved to place the Road Fund Budget on public display for 30 days followed by a public hearing on said budget. Trustee Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Supervisor Catching moved to TABLE Resolution 2023-13 Grant Funding for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year which was seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion to table carried by unanimous voice vote.

b. Supervisor Catching moved to pass Resolution 2023-14 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund It was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

c. Supervisor Catching moved to pass Resolution 2023-15 Transfer of Appropriation – General Assistance Fund and the second was by Trustee Núñez. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Hicks gave a public thank you to the township for their support of Black History Month and the senior luncheon in particular. She reported that the new caterer was good and the presentations well received. She also announced that the first Senior Dance of the year will be March 23 at Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

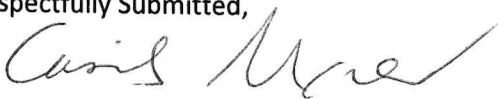
There was more discussion of the Habitat 4 Humanity development: Catching mentioned that the City of Aurora was really touting the reason for the development. Dr. Peggy Hicks asked why there wasn't a community meeting in the first place, and Catching said they didn't give the neighbors a notice, except to post it in *The Patch*. Dep. Demeter added he would issue tickets to any construction vehicles traveling on Lindenwood Dr. for being overweight.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

X. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Wells. With a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cassidy Alexander", written in dark ink.

Cassidy Alexander, Town Clerk