

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois

Thursday, February 24, 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 4:05 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; Highway Commissioner Jason Owens; Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, and Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson. Assessor Davis Offutt was excused absent. Staff present: Dan Taylor. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks.

II. Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 10, 2022**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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, 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.....	\$38,446.51
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$5,324.96
General Assistance Fund.....	\$5,133.71
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$2,352.62
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$632.96
Social Security Fund.....	\$4,141.65
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,069.59

The total for all funds is \$57,102.00.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Núñez asked for clarification on a few items, which were explained to his satisfaction. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report stating the usual duties and expenses of the department.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report summarizing the usual duties of the department.

c. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Catching said Ride-In-Kane is still looking for drivers with a Commercial Drivers License. He stated that he and Ms. Richardson are continuing to work on the budget and that he is working with HR Coordinator Jen Heurykiewiez on written employee evaluations which he expects to be able to show to the board at the next meeting.

d. Director of Finance and Administration's Report

Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson presented the January financial statement and said it includes January snow removal and two months of PACE expense. She added that the General Assistance grants are now almost double what they were. The VNA shuttle is still down and she is continuing to work on budgets for the coming fiscal year.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bill Catching moved to approve Resolution 2022-04 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund. It was seconded by Trustee Moore. This bill moves \$9,000 from wages and contingency accounts to building maintenance and assessor telephone accounts within the same fund. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

b. Bill Catching moved to approve Resolution 2022-05 Transfer of Appropriation – Road Fund. It was seconded by Trustee Hicks. This bill moves \$5,800 from materials expense to clerical wages expense within the same fund. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

c. Supervisor Catching moved to approve the Amended Holiday Schedule for 2022. The new schedule adds June 20, 2022 as a paid holiday for township employees in observance of Juneteenth, the celebration of the date the news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached Texas. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

d. Bill Catching moved to table Resolution 2022-06 Grant Funding for 2021-2022 since he was not able to prepare this in time for the board meeting. It was seconded by Trustee Moore. Trustee Hicks asked when we usually do this and Catching replied it is done at the end of the fiscal year and is separate from Senior Services. The motion to table carried by a unanimous voice vote.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Wells asked where the township stands on mask mandates now that the state mandate for masks is going away March 1, 2022. Supervisor Catching replied that we will be mask optional March 1 but will still meet at the Township Youth and Community Center.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Peggy Hicks, on behalf of the Fox Valley Christian Ministerial Alliance, presented the board with their VIP Spor Award. She also presented Director of Community Services Ken Maurice with the F.V.C.M.A. Black History Maker Award, which is shared with two other individuals, for his work with youth.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

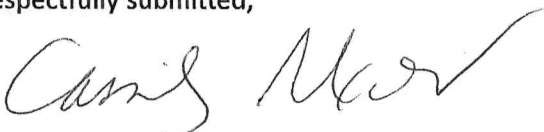
Dr. Peggy Hicks said the Black History Committee has been very busy this month and that they have a talk on Critical Race Theory February 24 by Zoom; a meeting on Health Equity by Zoom on Monday, February 28, and that there is a potluck at the Community Center on Friday, March 4th.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Trustee Moore. The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p. m. by a unanimous voice vote.

The next regular board meeting is March 10, 2022, at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk