

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois

Thursday, January 13, 2022

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Aurora Township Trustee David Moore 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: Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Sam Nunez, and Juanita Wells; Assessor Davis Offutt, Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, and Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson. Supervisor William Catching was excused absent. Highway Commissioner Jason Owens was excused absent. Staff present: Dan Taylor. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks.

II. Trustee Moore moved to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 23, 2021 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

Trustee Moore 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.....	\$87,296.50
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$45,213.25
General Assistance Fund.....	\$2,336.77
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$6,605.79
Social Security Fund.....	\$8,134.43
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$2,284.35
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$1,922.04

The total for all funds is \$153,793.13. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt summarized his written report, stating that they are finishing processing some permits, and cleaning up and checking property records. He said that he would have results from the Kane County Board of Review at the next meeting.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens turned in a written report to the board which stated that the department responded to snow and ice events, repaired trucks and equipment for same, has a new truck in for modifications, is working with the engineer for Ogden Gardens and worked with Kane County to address permitting and zoning questions, among other things.

c. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Catching emailed a written report to the board. It states that our township receptionist, Renee Williams, lost her husband over the weekend and has been on leave this week. Our incoming HR coordinator lost her father last Sunday and is also off this week. On January 3, we lost former Highway Commissioner Fred Burgess. He expresses deepest condolences on behalf of the entire board to them and their families and friends.

One of our Ride-In-Kane drivers is in quarantine after testing positive for Covid. That bus has been placed out of service and all RIK buses will be thoroughly cleaned by Vanguard Cleaning. Next week everyone will work remotely, after the MLK Holiday on Monday.

The driver mentioned in the last report remains suspended without pay and Catching said he expects to have a recommendation on this at the next meeting.

He'll continue to monitor the Covid situation in the coming weeks and we may possibly go back to virtual board meetings soon, as the positivity rate for Kane County is currently 22%.

d. Director of Community Services Report

Director of Community Services Ken Maurice returned from vacation on January 4th and reported he did the following: addressed a variety of HR issues; completed reviewing old files related to community restitution hours and had the assistant input the data onto spreadsheets; and finished clearing out the room located off the gym which is now ready for multipurpose use and installation of equipment.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS – None

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Wells said that several of her co-workers appreciated the snow removal on the bridge. Trustee Nunez brought up the issues with the township website and suggested that we remove the virus or malware on it and do a redevelopment of the website. Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson stated that we have money in the budget for it, and that Supervisor Catching is looking for a good provider and has been looking at other township's websites. Nunez asked if he would use someone local and Ms. Richardson said they always try to find someone in Aurora first.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Hicks said the next meeting of the Senior Citizens Service Committee would be January 28th at 9. a.m. by Zoom, and the speaker would be from Prairie State Legal Services. She encouraged all board members to attend and said Suely Cabral will have the specific information for Zoom.

X. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – Review of Executive Closed Session Minutes

Trustee David Moore moved to table the executive meeting, as recommended by Supervisor Catching, in that Catching could not attend, and also in the interest of keeping the board meeting short due to the high Covid transmission rate currently in Kane County. It was seconded by Trustee Hicks. There was no discussion and the motion to table the executive meeting was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 4:20 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be on January 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassidy Alexander,
Aurora Township Clerk