

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois

Thursday, January 27, 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 Nuñez, 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 January 13, 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.....	\$33,996.92
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$40,685.54
General Assistance Fund.....	\$5,883.00
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$4,472.98
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$1,443.00
Social Security Fund.....	\$3,929.38
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,029.84

The total for all funds is \$91,440.66. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report, which states that of 166 Kane County Board of Review hearings, 100 assessments were confirmed and 66 were revalued. The Assessor's Office has begun 2022 sales ratio studies for each neighborhood to determine if there have been any significant market data changes.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report to the board. He stated that they are between snowstorms and are busy fixing and cleaning up, among other things. He also alerted the board that he expects they will need one or two more transfers of appropriation before the end of the fiscal year.

c. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Catching said our new HR Director started this week. He noted that the Covid positivity rate for Kane County is much lower than before so next week will be a normal in-person work week. He had the quarterly meeting with our IT consultants, and the township will order some new laptops for youth center programs and replace one PC at the main office. Catching also asked them for recommendations for website designers and ordered a security certificate for the Aurora Township domain. He said he will continue to research web designers.

d. Director of Finance and Administration's Report

Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson stated that everything looks good but she is continuing to present transfers of appropriation between budgeted line items as needed before the end of the fiscal year. She is working on budgets for the coming fiscal year and said that the board is welcome to sit in on budget meetings with managers. Richardson also reported that the Illinois Public Access Counselor of the Illinois Attorney General's Office is back online and township officials are now able to take the OMA/FOIA Training.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bill Catching moved to approve Resolution 2022-01 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund.

It was seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

b. Bill Catching moved to approve Resolution 2022-02 Transfer of Appropriation – Road Fund.

It was seconded by Trustee Hicks. Trustee Nuñez inquired about the Replacement Tax Allocation. Patty Richardson explained that it is difficult to project how much personal property replacement tax the township will receive from the state until it comes in. The portion budgeted for allocation to the local municipalities is based upon the budgeted revenue, but also fluctuates with the revenue. Without further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Wells suggested the township look at Great Marketing Solutions for our web designer.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Hicks reminded the board that the next meeting of the Senior Citizens Service Committee would be January 28th at 9. a.m. by Zoom and said Suely Cabral will have the specific information for Zoom.

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

Bill Catching moved to go into executive session which was seconded by Trustee Wells. Roll Call Vote:

Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Nuñez – Y; Wells – Y. The public session ended at 4:22 p.m.

XI. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Roll Call Vote: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Nuñez – Y; Wells – Y. The meeting reconvened at 4:55 p.m.

XII. ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

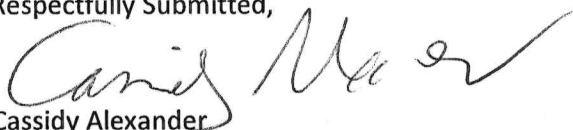
Catching moved to release the following executive closed session minutes: June 27, 2013, with redactions; Feb. 26, 2015, with redactions; August 27, 2015, with redactions; Sept. 10, 2015, with redactions; April 11, 2017; May 11, 2017; July 27, 2017; and July 9, 2020. It was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be on February 10, 2022, at 4 p.m. at 313 Gale St. in Aurora.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk