

MINUTES
AURORA TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Youth and Community Center, 313 Gale Street, Aurora, IL
APRIL 12, 2022

[NOTE: Many copies of the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of April 13, 2021, the Supervisor's Annual Financial Report as of March 31, 2022, and the Highway Commissioner's Report as of March 31, 2022, were made available to the audience at the meeting.]

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Township Clerk Cassidy Alexander, who read the notice of the Annual Town Meeting. She then led all present in the pledge of allegiance.

II. Welcome and Introduction of Elected Officials

Clerk Alexander introduced to the audience Supervisor Bill Catching; Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Sam Núñez, and Juanita Wells; Highway Commissioner Jason Owens, and herself.

III. Robert's Rules of Order

Alexander asked for a motion to approve Robert's Rules of Order and Juanita Wells so moved. Dolores Hicks seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Appointment of Parliamentarian

Clerk Alexander appointed David Moore to be parliamentarian.

V. Payment of Moderator

At the suggestion of the clerk, Mr. Moore moved to pay the moderator in the amount of \$75. It was seconded by Ms. Wells. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VI. Nominations for Moderator.

- a. Clerk Alexander Called for Nominations for Moderator. Dr. Peggy Hicks moved to nominate Pastor John Burch which was seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Clerk Alexander asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.
- b. Alexander asked for a Motion to Close Nominations which was made by Bill Catching and seconded by Peggy Hicks. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Alexander then called for the Question of John Burch for Moderator. Pastor Burch was elected in a unanimous voice vote.

VII. Town Clerk Alexander swore in Pastor John Burch as Moderator.

VIII. Approval of the Minutes of April 13, 2021, Annual Town Meeting

Moderator Burch asked for a motion from the floor to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of April 13, 2021, and to approve them as written by the Town Clerk to be available for inspection. Dr. Peggy Hicks so moved and Lois Burt seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IX. Presentation of Supervisor's Annual Financial Report

Moderator Burch asked for a motion from the floor to dispense with the reading of the Supervisor's Annual Financial Report as of March 31, 2022, and that the report be accepted and placed on file subject to audit. Motion so made by Jason Owens and seconded by Dolores Hicks. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

X. Presentation of Highway Commissioner's Report

Moderator Burch asked for a motion from the floor to dispense with the reading of the Highway Commissioner's Report as of March 31, 2022, and that the report be accepted and placed on file subject to audit. Motion so made by Peggy Hicks and seconded by Juanita Wells. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

XI. Additional Business

a. Moderator Burch asked for a motion from the floor to pass **Resolution 2022-17 Granting Permanent Fire Lane Easement to the City of Aurora**. Such a motion was made by Bill Catching and seconded by David Moore.

Supervisor Bill Catching explained that the condominium building that has been approved and will be erected on property immediately north of the Township Offices is required to have a fire lane, which would be the driveway on the north side of the property just south of Jake's Bagels. The easement means we cannot build anything in this strip. DISCUSSION: Miss Lillian Perry asked if the space is available for an addition and Catching said if the building were sold and demolished then there would be no need for the easement. Dr. Peggy Hicks asked about the cost and Catching stated there is no cost to the township. Without further discussion, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

b. Moderator Burch asked for a motion from the floor to pass **Resolution 2022-18 Granting a Temporary Construction Easement and a Permanent Fire Lane Easement to DAC Developments, LLC**. Such a motion was made by Dolores Hicks and seconded by Jason Owens.

Bill Catching said this is the same building and fire lane, but this is for the development company. He added that the easement is considered a "land sale" of sorts and as such, needs the electorate to approve it. He said they expect to break ground in the fall. Without further discussion, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

XII. Public Comment

Moderator Burch asked if there was any additional business. Hearing none, he opened the floor for public comment and asked that each speaker give their name and address.

First to speak was Miss Lillian Perry, who asked if seniors could get handyman services and chores done by the township. She expressed at length that there is a great need for this. Dolores Hicks said she recalled that subject at the last Aurora Township Meeting and said there is an organization that does this called Rebuilding Together Aurora. Bill Catching said they have discussed a handyman program at the township but the township only does basic HVAC-type fixes, not hanging drapes and so on.

Joanne Lawson asked why it appeared that we cut Miss Perry off, but no one actually did. However, both the Parliamentarian and the Moderator tried to explain that there is a three-minute-maximum rule for speaking.

Arlisia Dockery, of ECHO Development Center, asked what the rules are for getting help for her organization from the township and expressed frustration in the process. She said her FOIA was denied. After some discussion, the moderator asked if there were any further comments and hearing none, closed the public comments.

XIII. Adjournment

Moderator Burch asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was made by Bill Catching and seconded by Jason Owens. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk