

MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING

313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois

Thursday, August 11, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- INVOCATION**
- ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Aurora Township Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and led all present in the pledge of allegiance. Trustee Hicks gave the invocation. Clerk Alexander called the roll and established a quorum with the following Officials and Board members present: Supervisor William Catching; Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, and Sam Núñez; Assessor Davis Offutt, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Trustee Juanita Wells was excused absent. Staff present: Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, and Dan Taylor. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks, and Mercy Galicia from the Illinois Tejano Organization.

II. Supervisor Catching moved to **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF July 28, 2022**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by 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, Equipment & Building Fund, Town IMRF Fund, R&B IMRF Fund, Town Social Security Fund, and Road & Bridge Social Security Fund bills. It was seconded by Trustee Moore. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$58,800.30
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$19,453.89
General Assistance Fund.....	\$8,665.17
Building & Equipment Fund.....	\$14,479.00
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$2,637.73
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$565.67
Social Security Fund.....	\$5,715.13
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,518.32

The total for all funds is \$111,835.21. The motion carried by 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, and stated that Aurora Township's equalization factor will increase by 1.0741%. Changes in assessment will be published in the Beacon News August 12, 2022 and the deadline to appeal is September 12, 2022.

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 Bill Catching commended everyone for two successful recent events at the township. For the National Night Out, he gave special thanks to Ken Maurice and Dan Parker for their hard work, and for the Fay's Barbecue Fundraiser, he thanked Patty Richardson and Ken Maurice their extra work.
- Catching stated we were visited by representatives of our insurance company, TOIRMA, on July 26, and they will pay us \$70,000 to repair the assessed hail damage to the roof and gutters.
- He heard from Lee Tracy, the Batavia Township Supervisor, to ask for a minor change to our recent legal agreement with Batavia Township, as their lawyer wanted a minor change in some wording.

•Catching said he will have to execute an easement agreement again, for the building that will go up just north of the township offices, which he was granted authority to do at the Annual Town Meeting. This is necessary because there has been a change of ownership in the developers.

d. Director of Community Services Report

Director of Community Services Ken Maurice turned in a written report, the highlights of which states that there will be no Aerobics for the remainder of August; the last day of summer camp is August 12; masonry and tuckpoint work is happening on the front of the building, and more improvements and a kitchen will be finished by the end of the year. The next Youth Commission Meeting is Tuesday, August 16 at 4 p.m.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2022-25 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund

Catching moved to pass resolution 2022-25 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund which was seconded by Trustee Moore. There was no discussion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

b. Supervisor Catching tabled the Approval of Employee Handbooks, and Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson explained that they received a marked-up draft that is almost illegible and it will take more time to review them. She said they would be ready at the next board meeting.

c. Catching moved to approve the Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement between Aurora Township and Batavia Township to Provide General Assistance Services. The second was given by Trustee Hicks. As explained in the Supervisor’s Report, this is to correct some minor insurance language and does not substantially change the agreement. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

d. Catching tabled the Discussion of Personnel Issues and the Review of Executive Session Minutes due to Trustee Wells’ absence. Hence, the scheduled executive session was canceled.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Both Trustee Moore and Trustee Hicks commended on the efficiency of our Fay’s Barbecue Fundraiser event this year and how well it went overall and thanked those involved.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson said there were tamales and water for anyone who wanted them, provided by Mercy Galicia as a thank you for everyone’s hard work at the Barbecue Fundraiser.
- Dr. Peggy Hicks commended her mother, Trustee Hicks, for being #1 in ticket sales for the Fay’s Fundraiser and added kudos to the township for all the special events they have done this year.

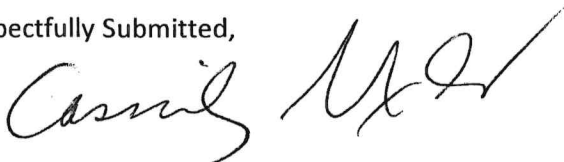
IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trustee Dolores Hicks announced that the next Senior Dance will be held August 18 at Gaslight Manor.
- She also said the “Age Guide” Senior Expo will be held at Drury Lane on August 23, starting at 9 a.m. A bus will leave the township at 8 a.m. and tickets are \$3.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassidy Alexander, Town Clerk