

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois

Thursday, July 28, 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 4:00 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 Núñez and Juanita Wells, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Supervisor William Catching and Assessor Davis Offutt were excused absent. Staff present: Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, and Dan Taylor. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks, Christian Lopez.

II. Trustee Moore moved to **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 14, 2022**, which was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

III. APPROVAL AND/OR AUDIT OF TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS

a. Trustee Moore moved to approve the combined Town Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, General Assistance Fund, Equipment & Building Fund, R&B Joint Bridge Fund, Town IMRF Fund, R&B IMRF Fund, Town Social Security Fund, and Road & Bridge Social Security Fund bills. It was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The bills are as follows:

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| Town Fund..... | \$20,237.42 |
| Road & Bridge Fund..... | \$5,845.78 |
| General Assistance Fund..... | \$8,926.24 |
| Equipment & Building Fund..... | \$14,479.00 |
| R&B Joint Bridge Fund..... | \$1,378.53 |
| Town IMRF Fund..... | \$2,421.42 |
| R&B IMRF Fund..... | \$573.12 |
| Social Security Fund..... | \$5,593.21 |
| R&B Social Security Fund..... | \$1,514.19 |

The total for all funds is \$60,968.91. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report stating the progress of the usual duties of his office.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report of the usual duties of the road department. He added that the strike at the quarry ended on Tuesday so now asphalt plants will ramp up and road projects will happen this year. Trustee Wells asked how we were doing on salt stores and Owens said we haven't signed a contract yet but we will be fine. Trustee Núñez asked how many seniors are on the mowing service list and Owens stated about 150, which he said is the maximum capacity, with 3 or 4 on the waiting list.

c. There was no Supervisor's Report due to his absence.

d. Director of Finance and Administration's Report

Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson presented the June financial statements, which she said are fine. She stated the audits are done and we expect to have an audit presentation in the second meeting of August.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Trustee Moore moved to approve Resolution 2022-24 Transfer of Appropriation – Road Fund. The second was Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

b. The planned Discussion of Personnel Issues was put off due to the absence of Supervisor Catching.

VII. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Moore moved to table the Executive Session due to the absence of Supervisor Catching. Trustee Wells gave the second. The motion to table carried by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Wells said she received a letter from Linda Jones, of the non-profit group 100 Girls Like Us, Inc. asking for a donation from the township to help with the girls' college tours. Wells said we should consider them for a grant. The other trustees said they hadn't gotten anything so Trustee Wells said she would make copies and give them to the board so this could be discussed at a future meeting.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Patty Richardson reminded everyone that August 8 is our annual Fay's Barbecue Fundraiser. She requested our total ticket sales be turned in by tomorrow, July 15th, for a rough count, and added we had quite a few sponsors.
- Christian Lopez asked the board to consider having a "No Mow May" program next year to help bees and butterflies which have not been thriving. He got the idea from an article in the Chicago Tribune. He said the Chicago program has people register for this and then they would not be ticketed for having tall grass, etc. Highway Commissioner Owens suggested Mr. Lopez send a letter to the board with the article reproduced so they could consider it later.

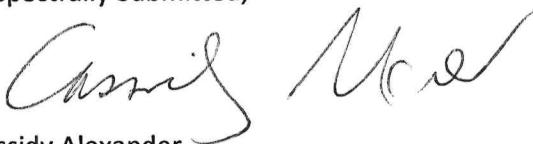
X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trustee Hicks announced that the National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2nd from 4 – 7 and the township will have cookout at the Youth Center. The event promotes community-police partnerships.
- The TRIAD Annual Picnic for Seniors is Tuesday, August 9th from 11 to 1 at Philips Park. You must register and pay \$3 to attend. Senior Services on Plum St. will sell tickets.
- The Senior Lifestyle Expo will be August 23 – 24 at Drury Lane. More information to come.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Moore moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting ended at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk