

MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois

Thursday, May 11, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Supervisor Bill Catching 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 declared a quorum with the following officials and board members present: Supervisor Catching; Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Sam Núñez, and Juanita Wells, Assessor Davis Offutt, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Staff present: Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, and Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks of Aurora, and Mercy Galicia and Melissa Solis of the Illinois Tejano Organization. NOTE: Trustee Núñez was attending remotely by Zoom, thus all votes were by Roll Call.

I. Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing of April 27, 2023**, which was seconded by Trustee Wells. This was for the Aurora Town and Road District Budget Hearings. Roll Call Vote: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. Motion carried.

II. Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 27, 2023**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. Roll Call Vote: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. Motion carried.

III. **Approval and/or Audit of Township and Road District Bills**

a. 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 as presented to the board. It was seconded by Trustee Moore. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$78,134.69
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$25,105.72
General Assistance Fund.....	\$12,476.35
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$3,458.19
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$554.20
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$142.37
Social Security Fund.....	\$5,192.94
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,132.80

The total for all funds is \$126,197.26. Roll Call Vote: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. Motion carried.

b. Catching asked for a **Motion to Approve Travel Reimbursements to William Catching** in the amount of \$371.92 for hotel and travel expenses to attend the Township Officials of Illinois Lobby Day in Springfield, Illinois. Trustee Wells so moved and the second was from Trustee Moore.

Roll Call vote: Catching abstain; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

a. **Assessor's Report**

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report of the usual duties of the office, along with a progress report of the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments. He added he took part in the making of a video for the Township Website.

b. **Highway Commissioner's Report**

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens said he attended the Lee Subdivision meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also attended the Northeast Neighbors meeting on May 6. He stated that free brush pickup for unincorporated areas will begin May

22<sup>nd</sup> and continue once month, on the last Monday of the month all summer. He said the department is working on a major drainage project in the Sherwood Glen subdivision, making culverts and ditches to assure proper drainage.

**c. Supervisor's Report**

- Supervisor Catching said the lawn mowing is going smoothly.
- He said he also attended the Lee subdivision meeting and the residents continue to have concerns about the new Habitat 4 Humanity development that was approved by the city. It will not link to Garden Rd. per the edict of Highway Com. Owens. The grand opening of the new development is planned for mid-June.
- Catching stated he will be going to the Township Supervisors Meeting in Mount Vernon next week.
- He is working with Illinois Rep. Matt Hansen to find state funding for a play yard at the Youth Center.

**d. Director of Community Services Report**

Director of Community Services Ken Maurice submitted a written report. Among other things, it mentioned that the 2023 Summer Camp will be held from June 5<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup> and 47 youths are currently enrolled. Maurice added that there was hail damage to one of their cars and a truck and he had TOIRMA looking into it. The buses fared better.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Approval of Annual Employee Pay Rate Increases**

Supervisor Catching moved for approval of the Annual Employee Pay Rate Increases. He had provided a spreadsheet of projected wages for fiscal year ending March 31, 2024 to the board at the last session. At this meeting he provided a sheet of historical full-time employee annual rate increases and a history of Cpi's used for PTELL. Trustee Wells said she wanted time to review this new information and wanted to discuss it in a closed session. With that in mind, Catching moved to TABLE the approval of annual employee rate increases and it was seconded by Trustee Wells. Roll Call Vote: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. Motion to TABLE carried.

**b. Award Contract for Repaving Youth Center**

Supervisor Catching said there were no bids for the repaving, and Clerk Alexander confirmed that we must do the bid process over again. Trustee Wells made a **Motion to Table Awarding the Contract for the Youth Center** and the second was Trustee Moore. Roll Call Vote: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. Motion carried.

**VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Trustee Moore attended the Hometown Heroes Boy Scouts breakfast event and reported it was very good, and he commended Ken Maurice, who was also there, for his service. Trustee Moore then presented, and read aloud, a Letter of Appreciation to Highway Commissioner Jason Owens for his excellent service in the Mocherville clean-up. Moore said he also had one for Dep. Brian Demeter, for his part in making the clean up a success.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mercy Galicia and Melissa Solis of the Illinois Tejano Organization announced the Tejano Scholarship Festival, which raises money for scholarships for continuing education, will be at Water Street Mall on June 24, from noon – 10 p.m. Mercy said she is looking for transportation for a 15 member band from the airport to Water St. Mall.

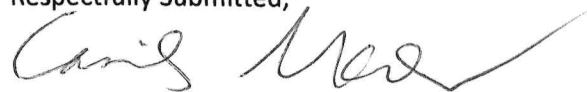
**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee Hicks said there will be a luncheon at Senior Services on Friday, May 26. You must call for reservations. Also, Kidz N Boats will take place June 17 from 11 – 2 p.m. at Philips Park. Lunch is included.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Moore. Roll Call Vote: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassidy Alexander, Town Clerk