

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, April 27, 2023
MINUTES

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

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 Catching, Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Sam Núñez and Juanita Wells, Assessor Davis Offutt, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Staff present: Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson and Director of Community Services Ken Maurice. Public present: Dep. Brian Demeter of the Kane County Sheriff's Department, Dr. Peggy Hicks and Ed Scowins of Aurora.

Supervisor Catching moved for **Approval of the Minutes of The Regular Board Meeting of April 11, 2023**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. Without discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

II. 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, Liability Insurance 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.....	\$11,510.91
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$46,553.42
General Assistance Fund.....	\$8,759.60
Liability Insurance Fund.....	\$50,000.00
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$554.12
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$152.72
Social Security Fund.....	\$4,942.41
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,215.25

The total for all funds is \$123,688.43. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

III. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report and highlighted the fact that the tax bills will go in the mail tomorrow but are available online now.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens turned in a written report of the usual duties of the department. He emphasized that the Mocherville clean up was a thorough success.

c. Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Catching said there will be another meeting about the Habitat 4 Humanity project next week.

•Catching attended the Township Officials of Illinois Lobby Day in Springfield yesterday, April 26th. The matters that TOI is concerned about are:

1. Townships currently do not need to seek bids for work under \$30,000, but Road Districts do not have this same privilege. A proposed law seeks to correct this and TOI favors it.

2. Legislation is proposed to make General Assistance monies available to be used more broadly, for daycare, for example, when it is appropriate. TOI supports this idea.

3. Legislation proposes to make prevailing wages the law for the state, but although it is common, some smaller townships, many downstate, cannot afford this. TOI is against this proposed law.

•Sup. Catching supplied the Board with a spreadsheet of proposed township wages, to be voted on at the next board meeting. Some were already in place, as some directors have that right.

• He added that the Township provided transportation last Saturday for the Kiwanis one-day clean-up of the Fox River from Indian Trail to Mill Rd. in Montgomery, and Indian Creek.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Núñez asked how the new Kane County Code Enforcement section will impact the township, and Catching said they only have two full-time code enforcement people for the entire county, so we will probably be doing as much as ever.

d. Director of Finance and Administration's Report

•Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson provided the board with March's financial statements and noted that the board now had the actual financial statements. She said the auditors were in last Tuesday to start the auditing process, and all went well and they will be back as the process continues.

e. Kane County Deputy Sheriff's Report

Deputy Brian Demeter declared the Mocherville clean-up on April 22nd a success. He said that although the weather was bad, they had a full dumpster of garbage, 3 full dumpsters of tires, which Hwy. Com. Owens was able to take to the Kane County recycling event, ¾ full dumpster of metal and about 100 old TV sets. They had 60 – 80 residents come through and he said you can see the difference in the area now. He noted that S&S Recycling donated their services and are donating any net proceeds to the Sheriff Department. Groot also donated their services.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Supervisor Catching moved to pass Ordinance 2023-11 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Town Fund which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. DISCUSSION: Trustee Núñez asked why there was a large increase in the unemployment compensation, and Patty Richardson explained that this was an amount set aside for potential claims based on historical claims, as opposed to actual claims. There was no further discussion.

Roll call vote: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. The ordinance passed.

b. Supervisor Catching moved to pass Ordinance 2023-12 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Road Fund which was seconded by Trustee Moore. There was no discussion.

Roll call vote: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. The ordinance passed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Supervisor Catching moved to pass Resolution 2023-22 – Declaration of Surplus Road District Equipment. The second was Trustee Wells.

Highway Commissioner Owens explained that the list of equipment was of old, decrepit and/or rusted things they could no longer use and may recycle where possible. Some mowers, trailers and one car they did not need to get rid of immediately but may wish to in a short time. He said this is a general clean-up of the department.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Hicks commented that the Senior Citizens Service Committee meeting this morning at Bardwell Residences went well, was well attended and good information was given.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Dr. Peggy Hicks said they will be having a "Men Who Cook" fundraiser for scholarships for the Fox Valley Christian Ministerial Alliance on June 24 at Westminster Church and that they are looking for sponsorships.

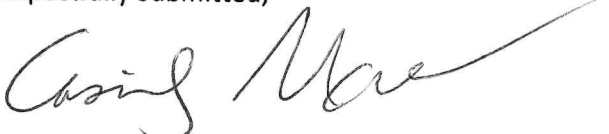
IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Hicks said the annual Kidz N Boats event will take place June 17, probably at Mastodon Lake at Philips Park. She will get sponsorships for it. She said the children do not have to be underprivileged, but everyone is welcome.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cassidy Alexander", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Town Clerk Cassidy Alexander