

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, October 27, 2022
MINUTES

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

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 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, Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, and Dan Taylor. Public present: George Scowins, Ed Ryan, and Robert Paolicchi.

II. Supervisor Catching moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 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

a. Supervisor Catching moved to approve the combined Town Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, General Assistance Fund, Mental Health 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 Wells. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$20,897.62
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$74,048.48
General Assistance Fund.....	\$7,214.63
Mental Health Fund.....	\$13,439.03
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$16,804.62
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$2,710.62
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$587.10
Social Security Fund.....	\$4,949.29
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,314.58

The total for all funds is \$141,965.97. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report updating the progress of the usual duties of the department. He added that Monday morning will start full reviews on Zoom and will continue through Thursday as well as the following Monday through Thursday.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens presented a written report updating the progress of the usual duties of the department.

c. Supervisor's Report

•Supervisor Catching said that the Senior Services Advisory Committee has received six applications for the 2023 grant program. One, from the XiLin Association, is a new applicant that primarily services Chinese Americans.

Their headquarters are in Naperville. The Commission meets Nov. 2 to review the applications. Presentations will be Nov. 7 and the Committee plans to present their recommendations to the board at the November 17 meeting.

- The township will get new copiers on Monday.
- The back lot at the Youth Center is now paved, which will save wear and tear on our vehicles. The kitchen at the Youth Center is being renovated, and mold, termites and possibly asbestos has been found behind the old cabinets, so although it will cost more than planned, these problems will be fixed.
- A full-time driver, Sam Cervantes, went to “on call” status due to his thriving mural business.

d. Director of Finance and Administration’s Report

Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson presented the September financial statements which she stated are fine. She is working on the tax levy and stated IMRF Employer Contribution rate will go from 4.6% in 2022 down to just under 1% in 2023, the General Assistance Fund levy was lowered last year but still has excess funds, so we will lower it again this year, the Mental Health levy will go up 5.18% based on the lower of Consumer Price Index (CPI at 7%) or the tax cap of 5% plus 0.18% for new construction. Director Richardson recommended the overall Town levy go down about 2%, so a homeowner with property’s assessed value of \$100,000 will pay Aurora Township taxes of about \$170 in 2023 versus \$182 this year. The formal determination of the 2022 tax levy will be presented at the November 17th board meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Supervisor Catching moved to pass **Resolution 2022-32 Transfer Of Appropriation – Town Fund** and It was seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

a. Supervisor Catching moved to pass **Resolution 2022-33 Transfer Of Appropriation – Road & Bridge Fund**. The second was Trustee Wells.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Núñez asked why this transfer was so much higher than usual. Highway Commissioner Owens explained that there is a large project in Blackberry Heights that we are going to work on in conjunction with the Village of Montgomery, and to get the best pricing we have to pay our share up front, all at once. He had money set aside for end of year adjustments which helped. He added that the budget would go back to normal after this project.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - None

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trustee Hicks said the quarterly Senior Citizens Service Committee meeting is Friday, Oct. 28, At 9 a.m. on Zoom. She is hopeful that they can meet in person for the January meeting.
- Trustee Núñez gave kudos to Director of Community Services Ken Maurice for attending the East Aurora School Board Parents University meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Town Clerk Cassidy Alexander

