

MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING
80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, May 25, 2023

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. In honor of Memorial Day, Catching invited the two veterans among our elected officials, Assessor Davis Offutt and Trustee David Moore, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Offutt 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, George Scowins, Ed Ryan, R. Paolicchi, and Paul Patricoski, the Aurora Township attorney.

Supervisor Catching moved for **Approval of the Minutes of The Regular Board Meeting of May 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, Mental Health 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:

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| Town Fund..... | \$120,560.02 |
| Road & Bridge Fund..... | \$74,347.84 |
| General Assistance Fund..... | \$876.63 |
| Mental Health Fund..... | \$53,929.70 |
| Liability Insurance Fund..... | \$10,000.00 |
| Town IMRF Fund..... | \$550.08 |
| R&B IMRF Fund..... | \$4,936.22 |
| Social Security Fund..... | \$1,078.62 |
| R&B Social Security Fund..... | \$135.57 |

The total for all funds is \$266,414.68. Supervisor Catching mentioned that we had a partial payment to Bureau Gravity to produce more videos and promote our Facebook page. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

III. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report with the progress of the usual duties of the department.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens turned in a written report of the usual duties of the department. There was a discussion of his working with the Sheriff Department on some new programs.

c. Supervisor's Report

•Supervisor Catching expressed condolences for the Sheriff Department's loss of a K-9 dog in a recent shooting incident, which Dep. Demeter appreciated.

- He said the township has added shuttle service from Hased House to VNA.
- There is still no signed agreement with contractor for the building project directly north of Aurora Township offices for the use of some of our property during construction.
- Catching said he is working on getting five or six parking spots from City of Aurora for our employees.

d. Director of Finance and Administration's Report

• Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson provided the board with April's financial statements and said we were in good shape through May. She said the auditors would be here the week after next.

e. Kane County Deputy Sheriff's Report

Deputy Brian Demeter gave more details on the shooting of K-9 "Hudson" and said the funeral would be June 1 in Elburn. He briefly discussed some new high-tech systems the Sheriff Department is using.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Supervisor Catching moved to **Award a Contract for Asphalt Project at Youth and Community Center to Geneva Construction Co.** It was seconded by Trustee Wells. Catching stated this was the only bid we received. Ken Maurice said the asphalt is in disrepair and the back is only gravel and mud. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

b. Supervisor Catching discussed the legality of going into executive (closed) session to talk about annual employee pay rate increases. Paul Patricoski, the Township attorney, was given the floor and explained that, unless a specific employee was under scrutiny, these discussions must legally be held in an open meeting, and so it continued. Catching moved to **Approve Employee Pay Raises as Presented to the Board.** Trustee Moore seconded. There followed a lengthy discussion regarding across-the-board raises, inflation affecting salaries, how much input the board should have and when, the township needing to be competitive, the purpose of employee evaluations, and the suggestion of a wellness survey. Catching also said they did not tie into CPI this year for budget reasons. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Catching moved to **Table the Decennial Committee Meeting – Aurora Township & Aurora Township Highway Department.** The second was Trustee Moore. Catching explained that he has approached some people to be members but it is not ready for a vote. This committee would draft the report which is required by the new law that says every ten years, every unit of government must justify its existence except school boards, counties, and cities. The motion to table carried by unanimous voice vote.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Moore presented, and read aloud, a Letter of Appreciation to Deputy Brian Demeter of the Kane County Sheriff Department for his excellent service in coordinating the Mocherville clean-up.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Peggy Hicks said she has a consulting firm and that they use a wellness survey quite successfully.

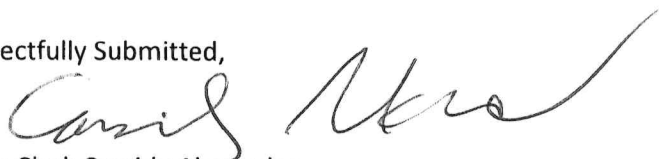
IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Wells reminded everyone to do your annual exam if you are on the Township Health Insurance. Paul Patricoski said the Kidz N Boats event, coming up June 17 at Mastodon Lake, is open to any kid over the age of 7. Trustee Hicks said there will be a veteran's luncheon at Senior Services on May 26 from 11 – 1 p.m. Supervisor Catching thanked the Rotary Club of Aurora for contributing \$1,500 to Kidz N Boats.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Town Clerk Cassidy Alexander