

MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING
80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, June 22, 2023
AS AMENDED

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 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 Human Resources Director Jennifer Haurykiewicz. Public present: Dep. Brian Demeter and Dep. Hernandez of the Kane County Sheriff's Department, and Dr. Peggy Hicks.

II. Supervisor Catching moved for **Approval of the Minutes of The Regular Board Meeting of June 8, 2023**, which was seconded by Trustee Moore. Trustee Wells asked to have the minutes amended, at the Board Member Comments section. She said the R-I-K program only provides transportation to *AID clients who are working in the community*. With the stipulation that the words, "working in the community" be inserted between "AID clients" and "to and from the Thompson Center", the motion carried unanimously.

III. 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, 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.....	\$36,045.04
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$4,386.31
General Assistance Fund.....	\$2,709.69
Mental Health Fund.....	\$617,886.55
Liability Insurance Fund.....	\$33,781.00
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$7,585.63
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$577.59
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$5,531.08
Social Security Fund.....	\$1,226.59
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$134.59

The total for all funds is \$709,864.07. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt turned in a written report stating the sales completed to date and said the books would be submitted July 14th.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens said they are doing the usual duties of the department. He congratulated his Administrative Assistant on the birth of her child. He also stated that the drainage project in Sherwood Glen would likely be completed by the end of the month, and then resurfacing would begin.

c. Supervisor's Report

•Supervisor Catching said he went to Mt. Vernon the Township Supervisors of Illinois Meeting. • He stated the Rideshare user that PACE partnered with is being used more and our bills have gone down substantially. • Catching said that code enforcement has been quite busy. •He also stated he was appointed to the Public Review Committee, one of four township supervisors, and they voted to uphold the termination of a client in Dundee Township.

d. Director of Finance and Administration's Report

Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson provided the board with May's financial statements. She said open enrollment is Monday for all township employees and officials and our employee "modified picnic" is at Reulands on Friday, June 30 from 11:30 – 1:30. She added that we have a few prospects for both a part-time accountant and R-I-K driver.

e. Kane County Deputy Sheriff's Report

Deputy Brian Demeter gave an oral report of the activity the Sheriff Department handles, including traffic stops, domestic disputes and shootings.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve the Employee Handbook Addendum – No gift Policy**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. HR Director Jennifer Haurykiewicz explained that there were some incidents lately so we need to explicitly add this policy to the handbook for clarification. After a short discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

a. Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve the Employee Handbook Addendum – Parental Leave Policy**, which was seconded by Trustee Núñez. Director Haurykiewicz again explained the need. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

•Trustee Wells said she ~~provided services to~~ was at the Sugar Grove Senior Center recently and was impressed with how nice and spacious it is. •Trustee Moore thanked the township for the certificate of appreciation that he and others received for their work on the Kidz N Boats event. He added that he had attended the 708 Board recently and that they have a vacancy which may need to be filled from Aurora Township. •Trustee Hicks thanked the township for the certificate of appreciation also and thanked all the people who helped with Kidz N Boats including Betsy Bellario of the St. Charles Canoe & Kayak Club, Dep. Brian Demeter, Ken Maurice and others. She said there were over 70 kids attending, more than ever before.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

•Dr. Peggy Hicks mentioned how happy she was to see four women in canoes at the Kidz N Boats event. She also reminded us that the Men Who Cook fundraising event is this Saturday at the Westminster Church on N. Edgelawn.
• Supervisor Catching expressed condolences to Bill Burns on the passing of *Alderman* Scheketa Hart-Burns.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk Cassidy Alexander