

MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, July 13, 2023

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

Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4:03 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, and Juanita Wells, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Trustee Sam Núñez attended via Zoom. Assessor Davis Offutt was excused absent. Staff present: Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, and Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, and Chris Tippin. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks, George Scowins, Ed Ryan.

NOTE: Since Trustee Núñez was attending remotely, all votes were by Roll Call.

I. Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 22, 2023**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. Trustee Wells wanted an amendment to the report of the previously approved amendment of the June 8 minutes to remove the words “to and from the Thompson Center” in section II, and Supervisor Catching wanted “Alderman” inserted before Scheketa Hart-Burns with corrected spelling of her name in section VII. Without objections, he then altered his motion to **Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 22, 2023, As Amended**, with Hicks as the second.

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

II. 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 Moore. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$116,363.58
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$34,613.20
General Assistance Fund.....	\$9,028.47
Mental Health Fund.....	\$104,295.67
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$1,839.21
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$1,170.75
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$12,099.32
Social Security Fund.....	\$2,758.72
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$282.90

The total for all funds is \$282,451.82.

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 \$407.41 for mileage reimbursement for attending the Township Officials of Illinois Meeting in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Trustee Wells so moved and the second was Trustee Moore. There was no discussion.

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

III. REPORTS

a. Assessor’s Report

Assessor Davis Offutt submitted a written report on the usual duties of the office.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report on the usual duties of the office.

c. Supervisor's Report

•Supervisor Catching said he attended the Township Supervisors of Illinois Board Meeting in Rockford. The action items reported there: The Equipment & Building Fund is now a Capital Fund, and Gov. Pritzker signed a bill allowing the General Assistance Fund to be spent on a whole host of assistance programs, not just rent. • He welcomed our new part-time accountant, Christine Tippin. • Catching gave special thanks to Benito Sandoval, one of our code enforcement employees, for extraordinary help in coordinating the last-minute move of the Tejano musicians to better accommodations during the Aurora Tejano Scholarship Festival.

d. Director of Community Services Report

Director of Community Services Ken Maurice submitted a written report on usual activities. He emphasized that the property next door, 460-480 Garfield, would no longer be used, so all soccer participants must use the other facility on Jackson. He noted that they are transporting kids to the soccer field if they need a ride.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Resolution 2023-30 Reappointing Members Christine Goerlich Weber, Janice Smith and Joel Gramirez to the Aurora Township Community Mental Health 708 Board.** Catching said their terms had come to an end but they all wanted to continue. There was no discussion.

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

b. Supervisor Catching moved to **Remove Approval of New Hire Ride-In-Kane Driver Matthew Bell,** which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. Catching said Mr. Bell took another offer.

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

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - none

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

•George Scowins asked about the proposed Boys and Girls Club on the East side of Aurora and whether it would be competition for us. Catching said yes, it would be competition for us, as well as for the numerous charities in this area who already serve the same population.

•Dr. Peggy Hicks thanked Ken Maurice and Jason Owens for helping to set up at the Men Who Cook fundraiser. She said it was a huge success, as they tripled their normal take.

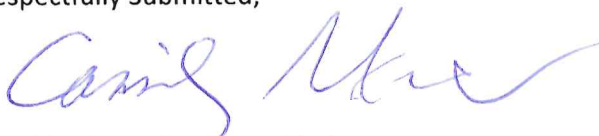
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Supervisor Catching said the Kidz N Boats event made it into the June 22 *The Voice* newspaper, with photos.
- Catching stated the Foundation for Aurora Township meeting was just held before this meeting, and that we will have our annual Bar-B-Que Fundraiser on Monday, August 7, at the Youth & Community Center from 4:30 – 6:30.
- Trustee Hicks announced that the Senior Citizens Service Committee will meet on Friday, July 28 at 9 a.m. at the VNA offices at 400 N. Highland Ave. and will include breakfast.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. Roll Call Vote: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassidy Alexander, Town Clerk