

**MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois**  
**Thursday, September 14, 2023**

- 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 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, Sam Núñez and Juanita Wells; Assessor Davis Offutt, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Staff present: Director of Community Services Ken Maurice, and Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson. Public present: Deputy Santiago Hernandez and Deputy Jason Friedrich of the Kane County Sheriff Department, and Dr. Peggy Hicks.

II. Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 24, 2023**, 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 Moore. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$93,325.68
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$32,094.55
General Assistance Fund.....	\$6,529.21
Mental Health Fund.....	\$485,435.83
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$6,388.00
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$585.95
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$5,353.47
Social Security Fund.....	\$1,141.63
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$135.47

The total for all funds is \$630,989.79. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- IV. **REPORTS**

- a. **Assessor's Report**

Assessor Davis Offutt said the last day for working on assessment complaints will be October 13,2023. The tax assessments were posted in the Beacon News by property number. In response to a query by Trustee Wells, Offutt said you could go to the assessor's site on the Aurora Township website and put in your name to get your parcel number or call the assessor's office.

- b. **Highway Commissioner's Report**

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report on the usual duties of the office. He highlighted that he is working with 15 other highway commissioners in Kane County for mutual aid and sharing of equipment and information. He said we will also join Illinois Public Works to be able to confer with fellow commissioners to get good ideas and knowledgeable rates for services, and so on. There was a short discussion of the pros and cons of putting in a guard rail at Konen and Mitchell, and a study would likely be done to get more information.

**c. Supervisor's Report**

•Supervisor Catching said he is still taping monthly videos for the township website and just finished one on the brush pick-up program. •He reported that applications are going out now for the Senior Advisory Commission. •Catching said he attended the Ride-In-Kane quarterly meeting and was disappointed to learn that the most recent data available are from April. He said he will continue to ask for more current data. •Supervisor Catching thanked the Village of Montgomery publicly for helping us out when tree branches fell on our soccer field. He said Montgomery employees took care of the problem quickly and efficiently.

**d. Director of Community Services Report**

Director of Community Services Ken Maurice submitted a written report on usual activities. He noted that the Handprint bus was in for repairs and he hoped it would be ready to go by next Thursday for the seniors. He also said they would be losing a full time administrative assistant soon.

**e. Kane County Deputy Sheriff's Report**

Deputy Jason Friedrich introduced himself and said he is working with Deputy Santiago Hernandez in Aurora Township as the South "Floating" team. He said he has also been working in criminal intelligence, i.e., gang work. Dep. Hernandez said the statistics for August were up and said it was very busy. They both said Sheriff Hain was doing a good job creating "beats" to make sure each area of the county was patrolled.

**V. NEW BUSINESS - none**

**VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Trustee Wells asked when classes will start for <sup>FORK LIFT C.A.</sup> 4-wheel driving and Dep. Hernandez answered Oct. 19 from 9 to 3, but you must register first.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none**

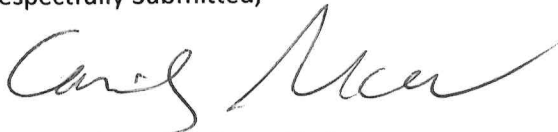
**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Supervisor Catching said the Legislative Luncheon will be Sept. 27 at 11:30 at the Oak Street Restaurant & Bar. You must register to attend. He expects several representatives to be there to discuss current legislation, including Rep. Hernandez, Sen. Villa, Rep. Kifowit and Rep. Hanson.
- Catching also announced that the annual dinner of the Township Officials of Kane County would be October 25. They are looking for more participation and need officers for the coming year.
- Trustee Hicks said the next senior dance would be Thursday, Sept. 21 at Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn.
- Dr. Peggy Hicks said the annual scholarship banquet will be November 3 at Belle Salle Banquets.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Wells. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassidy Alexander, Town Clerk