

MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING
80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, September 28, 2023

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

Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Dolores 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 and Director of Community Services Ken Maurice. Public present: Amy Ellis, of 1225 Gates St. Aurora, and Grace Simpkins of 1123 S. Union St. Aurora.

Supervisor Catching moved for **Approval of the Minutes of The Regular Board Meeting of September 14, 2023**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. Without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- 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, 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.....	\$35,245.03
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$5,316.08
General Assistance Fund.....	\$2,576.24
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$561.39
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$134.88
Social Security Fund.....	\$4,945.18
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,145.20

The total for all funds is \$49,924.00. 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. He emphasized that the Aurora Township factor is 1.0960; that we had 1,005 roof permits drawn, most from the hail storm earlier in the year; and that October first is the deadline for getting in any tax exemptions.

- b. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report of the usual duties of the department. There was no discussion. He mentioned that CDL drivers are part of a Federal Clearing House of employees which keeps records of drug testing on drivers. He said he is working with our Human Resources Department and the Midwest Occupational Health Services to comply with the law.

- c. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Supervisor Catching said we are very busy with code enforcement cases and that the code enforcement team at Kane County have been very helpful, as some violations are county violations that we would not be able to deal with.

- He heard from Mary Sweeney and Paul Henkel of Senior Services, who thanked the Township for their help with the Labor Day event there. Catching thanked Trustee Hicks and Commissioner Owens for helping out.
- He reminded the Board that the November Township Officials of Illinois Annual Conference deadline for registration is coming up soon.
- Catching said he will be attending the official swearing in of the new Aurora University president on Saturday afternoon. She is the first Latina to hold that office.
- Catching said he has released the applications for the Senior Services Grant Program and that they are due October 27, 2023, at the main office. A volunteer advisory committee will review the applications on November 2nd and agency representatives will make their presentations on November 7th. The committee will then make their recommendations to the board at the November 16th meeting.
- Supervisor Catching expressed sincere condolences to Linda La Via and the entire family of Vernon LaVia, who passed away recently from a long battle with cancer.

d. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson provided the board with August 's financial statements and said we are on target except for one minor adjustment. She said starting in October we will be working on next year's budget, as we are halfway through the financial year. Richardson stated that she will look at preliminary numbers for the levy and the actual levy will be presented in December. She also mentioned that the Paid Leave Act, an Illinois state law for all employers, governmental and private, which takes effect on January 1, 2024, states that part-time employees will get paid time off at the rate of one hour per forty hours worked, and they do not have to give advance notice. They also may use it in two-hour increments. She said this will take a lot of logistical planning to work out where the additional monies will come from and who might replace the workers while they're out.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Resolution 2023-32 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund** and it was seconded by Trustee Wells. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

VI. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Trustee Hicks thanked Director of Com. Services Ken Maurice for taking care of the seniors to get them to the last senior dance of the year. She explained when the Township bus was not ready, Maurice had two vans available, and drove one himself, both to drop them off and again, to take them back.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

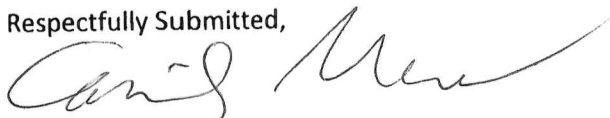
Amy Ellis, of Aurora, said that there were some properties in her neighborhood that were flooding and asked what could be done, or who she should talk to. Supervisor Catching said he would be happy to talk with them after the meeting, and explained that the Township owned several properties because they were prone to flooding, and we are not allowed to sell them. Ms. Ellis also stated that there was a lot of speeding traffic on Union St. and asked how she could get help to slow them down. Hwy. Commissioner Owens gave them instructions to write him a letter, with as many neighbor signatures as she could get, and he would see that it goes to the transportation committee on the Kane County Board to approve signs, etc. He stressed that Aurora Township cannot enforce speeding and that the Sheriff Department takes care of enforcement.

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 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Town Clerk Cassidy Alexander