

MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois

Thursday, January 11, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Trustee David Moore 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 established a quorum with the following officials and board members present: Trustee Dolores Hicks, Trustee David Moore, Trustee Sam Núñez, Trustee Juanita Wells, Assessor Davis Offutt, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Supervisor Catching was excused absent due to illness. Staff present: Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson. Public present: Adam Pauley, and Dr. Peggy Hicks.

II. Trustee David Moore moved to **Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 28, 2023**, which was seconded by Trustee Núñez. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

III. APPROVAL AND/OR AUDIT OF TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS

a. Trustee Moore moved to approve the combined Town Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, General Assistance 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 Hicks. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$73,804.06
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$23,395.43
General Assistance Fund.....	\$5,618.26
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$5,379.91
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$480.66
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$152.06
Social Security Fund.....	\$4,719.27
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,356.08

The total for all funds is \$114,905.73. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt submitted a written report. He commented that the certification of all the township equalization factors is nearly completed, but may be delayed because one township was late in filing.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report stating the duties of the department and said they are mainly preparing for Friday's big snowfall. Both Trustee Moore and Trustee Núñez complemented Owens on the fine job the Highway Department is doing, expressing some residents' comments as well as their own.

c. Supervisor's Report - None

d. Director of Community Services Report- None

e. Kane County Deputy Sheriff's Report - None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Trustee David Moore moved to **Table Resolution 2024-01 Authorizing the Supervisor to Enter Into an Agreement with Accion Latino.** The second was from Trustee Wells. Trustee Moore said it was fitting to table the motion since Supervisor Catching was absent. The motion *to table* carried unanimously.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Wells said Happy New Year to all!

Trustee Moore gave a thank you to Patty Richardson, Jason Owens, and all the staff for doing such a good job in 2023.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Adam Pauley, President of the Kane County Regional Board of School Trustees, and founding chair of the Aurora LGBT Advisory Board, commented on the state of drug addiction in Kane County and the policies in place to deal with it. He commended Mental Health Board, Inc. for their efforts but said that more is needed. He stated that his sister lost her battle with substance abuse last November and he said he wants more focus on substance abuse and recovery and is looking for partnerships to this end.

Dr. Peggy Hicks agreed with Mr. Pauley, saying that opiates are at a high level among young people, even in middle school, and that it's an epidemic. She said we need to bring back the D.A.R.E. program as well as crack down on pharmaceutical companies and un reputable doctors.

On another note, Dr. Hicks announced that the Martin Luther King breakfast will be Monday, January 15th at 626 N. Brook St. It is put on by the Fox Valley Christian Ministerial Alliance.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson announced that Trustee Moore's birthday is January 20th and everyone wished him a happy birthday.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Moore moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Wells. With a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassidy Alexander, Town Clerk