

MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

313 Gale Street, Aurora, Illinois

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Supervisor William Catching called the meeting to order at 5:10 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 [via Zoom], Trustee Juanita Wells, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Assessor Davis Offutt was excused absent. Staff present: Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, Director of Community Services Frank Navarro. Public present: See sign-in sheet. NOTE: All votes were Roll Call due to Trustee Núñez attending remotely.

II. Supervisor William Catching moved to **Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 28, 2023**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. Roll Call Vote: Catching- Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. Motion carried.

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, Equipment & Building Fund, Town IMRF Fund, Town Social Security Fund, Road & Bridge Social Security Fund, and R&B IMRF Fund bills as presented to the board. It was seconded by Trustee Wells. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$58,114.51
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$36,903.10
General Assistance Fund.....	\$8,876.36
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$20,306.31
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$480.08
Town Social Security Fund.....	\$4,838.56
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,131.54
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$123.80

The total for all funds is \$130,774.26.

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

IV. REPORTS

a. Assessor’s Report

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

b. Highway Commissioner’s Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens said they are busy transitioning to spring and summer operations and preparing for drainage and resurfacing projects in the next few weeks.

c. Supervisor’s Report

Supervisor Catching thanked Frank Navarro and the staff for preparing the Youth Center for the Annual Town Meeting. He said the elevator in the Township office is broken and cannot be fixed until April 21. Catching said it will take about \$100,000 to complete renovations, including the elevator, and this is in next year’s budget. The Supervisor said Dr. Benavides will give a brief presentation after the Annual Town Meeting to talk about the local history of the boxcar camps in Aurora. His book on the subject, *Olivia*, will be available for sale at the

meeting. Lastly, Catching stated he will be out of town for Lobby Day in Springfield this Wednesday and Thursday.

d. Director of Community Services Report

Director of Community Services Frank Navarro said he is interviewing for new staff and has 8 so far. They are getting ready for summer camp and are already contracted for some field trips and services. They might increase the number of programs available. Trustee Wells asked what posts he is hiring for and Navarro said Youth Outreach, Youth Workers, and temporary help (16+ years old) for counselors at the camps.

e. Kane County Deputy Sheriff's Report – None

V. NEW BUSINESS - None

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Moore expressed his appreciation for working with the whole board and staff of the township and said he is looking forward to another successful year. Trustee Wells said she attended the NE Community meeting last Saturday and found it interesting. She thanked Highway Commissioner Owens for the invitation and added that Trustee Núñez also attended.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- MyKayla Wilson of the senior outreach program thanked Aurora Township for the use of space at the Youth Center for the Senior Self-Defense Classes.
- Adam Pauley said he is on a committee of the 708 Board that is working on Harm Reduction everywhere and stressed how important it is to have the township funding for mental health and drug prevention.
- Supervisor Catching said he expects that Aurora Township will soon be the first in the area to have NARCAN available to help with drug overdoses.
- Dr. Peggy Hicks said there will be an Annual Youth Summit for those who work with youth, regarding interventions and strategies, on April 25th from 9 to 2 at the First Presbyterian Church and it is free.

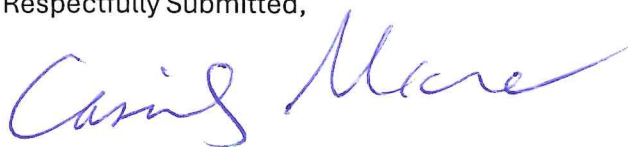
VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bill Catching said the budget hearings will be Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. in the main township office.
- Trustee Hicks announced a Senior Dance Party April 18 at Lincoln Inn Banquets in Batavia. She thanked the township for the buses at the last dance and for this one.
- Hicks also announced the Senior Citizens Service Committee meeting will be Friday, April 26 at 9 a.m. at the VNA on Highland Ave.
- Rev. John Burch said the Fox Valley Christian Ministerial Alliance will present a forum of information on taxes and how our money is spent on April 27 at the Everlasting Word Church at 22 N. Highland Ave. It will be in English and Spanish.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Catching moved to adjourn and Trustee Wells seconded. Roll Call Vote: Catching- Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassidy Alexander, Town Clerk