

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING
80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, February 22, 2024
MINUTES as Amended

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

Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4:01 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, Trustee Dolores Hicks, Trustee David Moore, Trustee Sam Núñez, Trustee Juanita Wells, Assessor Davis Offutt and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Staff present: Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, and Delia Gomez of the Aurora Township Assessor’s Office. Public present: George Scowins, Dr. Peggy Hicks, and Adam Pauley.

II. Supervisor Catching moved for **Approval of the Minutes of The Regular Board Meeting of February 8, 2024.** It was seconded by Trustee Hicks. Without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

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, 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.....	\$23,252.98
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$6,506.06
General Assistance Fund.....	\$1,737.49
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$11,919.35
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$493.96
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$125.16
Town Social Security Fund.....	\$4,484.86
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,131.05

The total for all funds is \$49,650.91. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

a. ASSESSOR’S REPORT

Assessor Davis Offutt submitted a written report with the Kane County revisions and balanced dates. It also states that the Assessor’s Office Budget has a one-time \$8,000 capital improvement to their software line item, so that the property record cards on the website will have photographs and drawings. He said this is fairly standard now. The upgrade would increase the budget for 2024 – 2025 by 5.76%. Without this line-item addition, the increase in budget would be 4.52%.

b. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

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

c. SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

•Supervisor Catching thanked Trustee Moore for filling in at the last meeting when he was out sick.

- [He] *Supervisor Catching* said Gray's Mill Estate has requested a payoff letter for their CDAP revolving loan.
- Catching mentioned that the City of Aurora is working on the demolition of the old YMCA building just north of the Youth & Community Center.
- Supervisor Catching said TOIRMA, our insurer, has paid us for hail damage to a fence at Jericho and Montgomery.
- [He] *Catching* said he received a two week notice on the resignation of Monica Vasquez and is hopeful that Mr. Navarro will start work at the Youth Center next week. He also thanked Jennifer Haurykiewicz for her extensive help in running it in the interim.
- Supervisor Catching said *State Representative* Matt Hanson secured a \$50,000 grant for playground equipment at the Youth Center and Catching has been working with a consultant who works with parks all across Illinois to pick out the best equipment. He said this will be in next year's budget.

d. KANE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S REPORT - none

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Resolution 2024-04 Transfer of Appropriation – Road Fund**. The second was Trustee Wells. Highway Commissioner Owens said they needed to move money around for community outreach programs and some equipment maintenance. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Núñez showed a nice Elk Grove Township newsletter to Supervisor Catching and asked if it would be feasible to do that in Aurora Township. The Supervisor replied that it was considered in the past, but it is enormously expensive to do and he put the money into upgrading our website, which seemed to satisfy all.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Peggy Hicks thanked the township for their continued support of the Black History Committee for over 23 years. She said food has almost tripled in cost so it is much needed and appreciated. She also mentioned some of the unique speakers who did or will present talks and programs as part of Black History Month.

Although there was no formal report from Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, she mentioned that January's financial statement was presented to the board and all looks well.

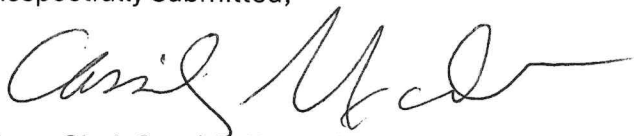
VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Hicks said the senior services luncheon is tomorrow from 11 to 1.

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 4:26p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Town Clerk Cassidy Alexander