

**MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING**

**80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois**

**Thursday, March 28, 2024**

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

Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee David Moore 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, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Assessor Davis Offutt was excused absent. Staff present: Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, and Director of Community Services Frank Navarro. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks.

**II. Supervisor Catching moved for Approval of the Minutes of The Regular Board Meeting of March 14, 2024, which was seconded by Trustee Núñez. 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, 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 Wells. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$73,161.01
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$3,973.23
General Assistance Fund.....	\$14,039.76
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$479.78
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$118.41
Town Social Security Fund.....	\$4,632.86
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,088.15

The total for all funds is \$97,493.20. Director Richardson noted that no bills came in for the Equipment & Building Fund. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**IV. REPORTS**

a. ASSESSOR'S REPORT

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

b. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens said their main progress was with the Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Agreement, which is now in effect, having been signed by 9 of 16 Kane County Commissioners. Kane County Board Chair Corinne Pierog will sign and the Kane County Division of Transportation will also participate.

c. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Catching said he is working with Director of Community Services Frank Navarro to help fill positions needed at the Youth Center. They need summer jobs, part time workers, and a full-time community outreach worker, ideally with a degree.

Catching thanked Danny & Benito Sandoval for their extra help with the elevator problems at the township office. He said it is in the process of being fixed.

Supervisor Catching said there will be a brief presentation by Dr. Benavides after the Annual Town Meeting on April 9 as an unofficial recognition of the history of his neighborhood and its Tejano roots.

d. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson presented the board with the February financial statements and said March is nearly done, which will be the end of the fiscal year. She said next week she will gather preliminary information for the audit work. She also reminded all officials to fill out the statement of Economic Interest and turn it in to the County by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

e. KANE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S REPORT - none

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Resolution 2024-07 Grant Funding 2023-2024 Fiscal Year** which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. Director Richardson noted that the VNA Funding was the unspent balance from the medical funds set aside each year. There was a discussion of the different groups and what sort of services they provide. Trustee Wells asked why they were presented together and Supervisor Catching noted we work with them on a regular basis. The motion carried, with Supervisor Catching abstaining.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Full Time Ride-In-Kane Driver Tavaris Parker**. The second was Trustee Hicks. Catching presented Parker's credentials and the motion carried unanimously.

b. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Resolution 2024-10 Transfer of Appropriations – Town Fund**. The second was Trustee Moore. Richardson said it was the final clean-up. Motion carried unanimously.

**VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Trustee Wells asked questions about specific code enforcement reports and there was a discussion of what the township does and what the county enforces.

Highway Commissioner Owens said he regularly goes to the Northeast Community Service Group meetings at 8:30 on the first Saturday of each month and said there were many comments that the neighborhood group would like to see more township representatives there.

Owens also commented that the Habitat 4 Humanity project on Jericho has been certified approved by the City of Aurora, but there will be more neighborhood meetings in the near future.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**


Dr. Peggy Hicks said there will be a Youth Summit on Prevention & Intervention at First Presbyterian Church on April 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is free and lunch is 12 to 1:30. The speaker is from the governor's office of Firearms & Prevention. They will discuss gaps in services and collaborations.

She added that there will be four more senior self-defense classes at the Youth Center, next one being April 10 from 11 – 12, as part of the Senior Drop-in Program. Director Navarro concurred.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Moore. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Town Clerk Cassidy Alexander