

AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
313 Gale St. Aurora, Illinois
January 27, 2022

REASON: Review of Executive Session Minutes; Pending Litigation

Supervisor Catching called the executive session to order at 4:28 p.m. Clerk Alexander called the roll. Present were Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Sam Nuñez, and Juanita Wells, and Supervisor Catching.

PENDING LITIGATION: Catching explained the case: Aurora Township was added to a lawsuit filed a couple of months ago. Negligence is the claim. A passenger on a Ride-In-Kane bus was in a three-wheeled scooter and fell over backward during a ride because the front wheel was not secured. The driver was from Aurora Township. Plaintiff was later found to have a cervical fracture so this is a potentially significant suit. Plaintiff contends that they weren't secured properly. The township contends that the passenger did not object to not being strapped in the front and so the passenger had some affirmative responsibility as well. Catching stated our liability is \$50,000 and that insurance covers the rest. The driver was sent for retraining, as is standard in all accidents, and was recently prepared by our attorney to be deposed sometime next month.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Wells asked if all drivers get trained on how to fasten in a three-wheeled scooter. Catching said yes. Trustee Nuñez asked if Pace buses had the equipment to ensure the safety of people in three-wheeled scooters and Catching replied that yes, there is a way, though they were specifically built for wheelchairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: Clerk Alexander presented the board with the written minutes for executive sessions of August 12, 2021, and November 18, 2021, just for approval of accuracy. There was no discussion and both were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Alexander next presented the known executive session minutes which were still available to be released. After discussion and review, the board collectively decided the following:

- The minutes of June 27, 2013, February 26, 2015, August 27, 2015, and September 10, 2015 were approved for release with employee names who were the subject of the meeting redacted.
- The minutes of April 11, 2017, May 11, 2017, July 27, 2017, and July 9, 2020 were approved for release without redactions.

Catching moved that we adjourn the session which was seconded by Trustee Moore. Roll call vote: Hicks – Y; Moore -Y; Nuñez – Y; Wells – Y; Catching – Y. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk