

MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Approved As Amended

80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois

Thursday, July 11, 2024

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

Supervisor William Catching 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 [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: George Scowins, Ed Ryan, Dr. Alejandro Benavides, Dep. Santiago Hernandez of the Kane County Sheriff Department, Eva Rodgers, Linda Cole, Dan Barreiro, and Ricky Rodgers. 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**

June 27, 2024, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. Roll Call Vote: Catching- Yes; Hicks – Yes; Moore – Yes; Núñez – Yes; Wells – Yes. 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.....	\$101,243.54
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$79,463.48
General Assistance Fund.....	\$4,788.15
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$11,274.49
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$524.08
Town Social Security Fund.....	\$5,993.99
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,440.94
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$128.64

The total for all funds is \$204,857.31.

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

- b. Trustee Hicks moved to **Approve the Expenses of Supervisor Catching for his Township Supervisors**

of Illinois Meeting. Reported expenses were \$446.22 for mileage. Trustee Wells gave the second. Roll Call Vote: Catching- abstained; Hicks – Yes; Moore – Yes; Núñez – Yes; Wells – Yes. 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 submitted a written report and emphasized that they completed a new process to extend the life of road bases and surfaces on several streets.

c. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Catching said he mainly worked on the Decennial Report for Aurora Township.

d. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Director of Community Services Frank Navarro said he is putting the finishing touches on plans for the National Night Out which will be August 6th at the Youth Center. He stated we are at the mid-point of summer camps and has been getting excellent feedback from the parents that the kids love it. He said he gives weekly and daily notes to the parents, he is pleased with the staff, and they have 35 kids signed up and 10 to 12 staff working. He said the soccer program is growing, with two coaches hired, and the basketball program is also growing. He added they will start volleyball on Friday with 15 kids and when the summer camps stop they will be ready for after school programs.

e. KANE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Deputy Hernandez said Dep. Demeter continues to improve. Dep. Hernandez said they were given a bigger budget from the Kane County Department of Transportation for overtime details for speeding, as they've gotten a lot of complaints. Highway Commissioner Owens commended Dep. Hernandez and the whole department for their help with code enforcement.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Resolution 2024-19 Reappointing Member of Aurora**

Township Community Mental Health 708 Board Member Denise Elsbree. Trustee Hicks seconded. There was no comment. Roll Call Vote: Catching- Yes; Hicks – Yes; Moore – Yes; Núñez – Yes; Wells – Yes. Motion carried.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Moore said he witnessed and was impressed with the STEM program at the Youth Center, led by [amended] *Dr. Peggy Hicks with assistance by* Dr. Gaddis, and the bright questions from the children. Director Navarro added that he often hears from adults that they got a lot out of the Aurora Township programs when they were young.
- Trustee Wells thanked Patty Richardson for her reporting on the previous Aurora Township Barbeque Fundraisers. She also asked how riders are identified for Ride-In-Kane for Hesed House. Catching said the VNA shuttle works with the people at Hesed House who identify riders. Richardson added that VNA pays a portion of the cost for the rides.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ricky Rodgers, Director of the African American Men of Unity, said he met with Kane County people regarding his project on 126 S. Kendall and they said he must pump out or backfill the hole. He added their project is still moving forward, with a second architectural design.
- Eva Rodgers said she was there to catch up on what's been happening, and several board members said she can look at the website for the township, which has a lot of information, including videos.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trustee Hicks announced a Senior Dance on July 18 at Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn. She added a reminder for the Aurora Township Fundraiser which will be held on August 14 at the Youth Center.
- Ricky Rodgers announced a Back to School Fair to be held August 16 at Greenfield Park from 4:30 to 7pm.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Catching moved to adjourn and Trustee Wells seconded. The voice vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassidy Alexander, Town Clerk