

MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING
80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, October 10, 2024

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

Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4:00 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, Trustee Dolores Hicks, Trustee David Moore, Trustee Sam Núñez, Trustee Juanita Wells, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Assessor Davis Offutt was excused absent. Staff present: Director of Finances and Administration Patty Richardson and Interim Director of Community Services Jennifer Haurykiewicz. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks and Adam Pauley.

II. Supervisor Catching moved for **Approval of the Minutes of The Regular Board Meeting of September 26, 2024**, which was seconded by Trustee Wells. 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, Mental Health 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.....	\$109,172.23
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$62,921.13
General Assistance Fund.....	\$7,616.06
Mental Health Fund.....	\$65,456.59
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$1,600.00
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$526.56
Town Social Security Fund.....	\$5,085.30
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,119.84
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$130.37

The total for all funds is \$253,628.08. A few expenditures were clarified by the Supervisor, and 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 submitted a written report of the usual duties of the department. He mentioned that there will be some large bills coming in soon for work projects.

c. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

• Supervisor Catching said he and Trustee Núñez attended the grand opening of a supermarket on the west side of Aurora.

- Catching said the township received payment in full for the Gray's Mill CDAP loan.
- The Supervisor said training for working with the Narcan machines was postponed due to his bout with the flu but will be rescheduled soon.

d. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Interim Director of Community Services Jennifer Haurykiewicz submitted a written report of events and progress at the Youth Center. She highlighted that much outreach has been done, soccer moved inside, a new AED machine was ordered and she is working with Dr. Peggy Hicks on her STEM program and Ricky Rodgers on the Books and Basketball program.

e. KANE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S REPORT - none

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V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Resolution 2024-24 Setting Compensation of Township Officials for the Four-Year Term Beginning May 2025**. Trustee Hicks seconded. The Supervisor distributed the similar resolution from 2020 for comparison and said this decision is required within 180 days of the election. He recommended a 5% across-the-board raise for all township elected officials with a CPI escalator clause for the next three years, plus travel reimbursement for official business in private vehicles. He added the IMRF language changed to allow trustees and the clerk to collect IMRF if they can show the minimum 1,000 hours worked. After some discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS** - none

VII. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** - none

VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Peggy Hicks thanked Director Jennifer Haurykiewicz for allowing her STEM program to take place at the township Youth Center, and said the kids get access to new technology, through the Verizon Wireless Stem program grant they received. It is open to any child age 7 to 14 years old.

IX. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Supervisor Catching reminded the board that Oct. 11 is the last day to RSVP for the annual dinner of the Township Officials of Kane County on October 23.
- Trustee Sam Núñez proudly announced that he and his wife are expecting their third child, a girl, in March.
- Dr. Peggy Hicks said the Fox Valley Christian Ministerial Alliance Scholarship Banquet Brunch will be November 16 at Westminster Presbyterian Church from 10 a.m. to noon.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Núñez. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Town Clerk Cassidy Alexander