

**MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois**  
**Thursday, October 24, 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 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 Sam Núñez, Trustee Juanita Wells, Assessor Davis Offutt, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Trustee David Moore was excused absent. Staff present: Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson and Interim Director of Community Services Jennifer Haurykiewicz. Public present: George Scowins, Bob Paolicchi, Dr. Peggy Hicks and Arnie Schramel of Progressive Energy.

**II.** Supervisor Catching moved for **Approval of the Minutes of The Regular Board Meeting of October 10, 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, Mental Health 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 Hicks. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$31,737.04
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$79,037.50
General Assistance Fund.....	\$3,093.70
Mental Health Fund.....	\$12,956.99
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$540.36
Social Security Fund.....	\$4,958.29
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,124.51
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$130.92

The total for all funds is \$133,579.31. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**IV. REPORTS**

a. ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Davis Offutt submitted a written report and said there are 12 Board of Review hearings pending.

b. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report of the usual duties of the department and said they are working on their last drainage project of the season on Creek Avenue. There was some discussion of the problems facing residents of Pine Knoll subdivision, with whom Owens is working.

c. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

•Supervisor Catching said he is behind schedule for the senior service grant program but the applications will be available on our website starting tomorrow, October 25. He said the Advisory Committee expects to present their recommendations at the December 12th meeting.

- Catching stated he found that the Kane County Health Department has been advised to spend down some of their money and he is working with them to put additional funds toward our Ride-In-Kane program. There was a short discussion of the problems with riders traversing counties.
- Supervisor Catching said we will get our second Narcan machine tomorrow and will have the training soon.

d. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson presented the board with the September financial statements and said the October tax payment came in and 98% is now collected. She added we will get one more small payment in November. She advised the tax levy will need to be approved at the November meeting.

e. KANE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S REPORT - none

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – none

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve Ordinance 2024-25 Authorizing Renewal of Aggregation Program for Electrical Load**. The second was Trustee Hicks. DISCUSSION: Arnie Schramel of Progressive Energy gave an oral report of the history of aggregation programs for electricity, stating the cities had the programs before unincorporated areas. The rate is about the same as ComEd rates, but this program does prevent consumers from unknowingly signing up for high-rate private programs, and individuals can opt out at any time without penalty. The Township would also get a yearly grant. Roll Call Vote: Catching – yes; Hicks – yes; Núñez - yes; Wells – yes, Moore - absent. The ordinance was approved.

b. Supervisor Catching moved to **Approve Resolution 2024-26 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund**. The second was Trustee Wells. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Trustee Wells said the Township Officials of Kane County dinner meeting last night was interesting and she learned a lot. She added that they stated our assessor is #1 in the county for accuracy.
- Supervisor Catching thanked Batavia Township for hosting the dinner meeting after others dropped it.
- Highway Commissioner Owens said the idea of intergovernmental cooperation was discussed as though it were a foreign concept. He then complimented our township for working so well with other townships and government agencies and among ourselves, which he said was uncommon.

VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

IX. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Trustee Dolores Hicks said the Senior Citizens Service Committee will have its quarterly meeting tomorrow at the Senior Services building at 9 a.m.
- Dr. Peggy Hicks said the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Fox Valley Christian Ministerial Alliance Scholarship Brunch will take place November 16 at 10 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Aurora.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk Cassidy Alexander