

MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING
80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, December 12, 2024

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

Supervisor Bill Catching called the meeting to order at 4:01 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 Finance and Administration Patty Richardson and Interim Director of Community Services Jennifer Haurykiewicz. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks and George Scowins.

II. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **the Minutes of The Regular Board Meeting of November 14, 2024**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. 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, Joint Bridge Fund, CDAP 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:

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| Town Fund..... | \$94,525.27 |
| Road & Bridge Fund..... | \$55,901.65 |
| General Assistance Fund..... | \$8,985.70 |
| Mental Health Fund..... | \$29,551.16 |
| Equipment & Building Fund..... | \$2,867.10 |
| Joint Bridge Fund..... | \$1,703.59 |
| CDAP Fund..... | \$698.75 |
| Town IMRF Fund..... | \$1,046.89 |
| Town Social Security Fund..... | \$9,868.81 |
| R&B Social Security Fund..... | \$2,256.19 |
| R&B IMRF Fund..... | \$262.58 |

The total for all funds is \$207,667.69. A few expenditures were clarified by the Supervisor, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

b. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Travel Reimbursements for Dolores Hicks in the Amount of \$230.28 – Holiday Express**. The second was Trustee Núñez. Catching explained this was for Travel Expenses for the Township Officials of Illinois Annual Conference in Springfield. The motion carried unanimously.

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 summed up by saying they are in winter mode now, and have been putting brine on streets, which does not take the place of the usual salt applications when needed.

c. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Catching said what he has been working on is covered in New Business.

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 said the Youth Outreach worker resigned and she is actively seeking a replacement. She added that the Youth Center will be open 10 to 5 for drop-in rec for youth while schools are on winter break, with the exception of Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31 – Jan. 1.

e. KANE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S REPORT – none

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Ordinance 2024-28 Aurora Township Tax Levy 2024**. It was seconded by Trustee Hicks. Catching said the levy has been posted and on display for 30 days. Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson said our tax levy is down 14.7% from last year. She explained that a homeowner with an EAV of \$100,000 had a township bill of \$160.38 last time but will have a bill of \$143.11 next time. She said last year's tax rate for the Town Fund was 0.16% compared with this year's at 0.14%. and last year's Road Fund was 0.09% while this year is 0.07%, and IMRF is fully funded. She added that she expects expenditures for 2025 to be about the same as this year.

Roll Call Vote: Catching – Yes; Hicks – Yes; Moore – Yes; Núñez – Yes; Wells – Yes. The ordinance passed.

b. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Ordinance 2024-29 Aurora Township Road District Tax Levy 2024**. It was seconded by Trustee Moore. Catching said we had already covered the main points in the discussed of the Town Tax Levy. Highway Commissioner Owens mentioned that he dealt with four objections, mainly concerning unspent money ("carry over") which he had reserved for future known projects to avoid costly loans. He worked with our attorney to answer the objections.

Roll Call Vote: Catching – Yes; Hicks – Yes; Moore – Yes; Núñez – Yes; Wells – Yes. The ordinance passed.

c. Supervisor Catching moved to **TABLE Resolution 2024-30 Senior Citizens Services Grant Funding 2024-2025 Fiscal Year**. The second was Trustee Wells. Supervisor Catching explained that the grant funding commission met Tuesday and asked for more information from one applicant, so they will meet again next week with the new information in hand and present their recommendations at the next board meeting on December 26. The motion to table carried by unanimous voice vote.

d. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Resolution 2024-31 Approval of Board Meeting Schedule for 2025**. It was seconded by Trustee Hicks. Catching noted that it was essentially the same as this year, with meetings on the second and fourth Thursday, except for November which has one meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

e. Supervisor Catching moved to approve the **Holiday Schedule 2025**. The second was Trustee Moore. Catching said we follow Kane County's holiday schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

f. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Resolution 2024-32 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund**. The second was Trustee Wells. Patty Richardson said the cost was mostly for Youth Center sweatshirts and marketing for the Youth Center. The motion carried unanimously.

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Moore wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Trustee Hicks thanked everyone involved in the many food drives, including the VNA and the township, for their efforts and donations.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Catching said he and Highway Commissioner Owens will be working Saturday at the 3rd Ward Club for the free Senior Meal program, both in person and delivered. Owens added they anticipate about 50 volunteers. Trustee Hicks added that she will be making deliveries to Constitution House that day.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Town Clerk Cassidy Alexander