

AURORA TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Youth and Community Center, 313 Gale Street, Aurora, IL
April 9, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Township Clerk Cassidy Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and read the notice of the Annual Town Meeting. She then led all in the pledge of allegiance.

II. Welcome and Introduction of Elected Officials

Clerk Alexander thanked everyone for coming and introduced the elected officials present: Supervisor Bill Catching, Assessor Davis Offutt, Highway Commissioner Jason Owens, Trustee Dolores Hicks, Trustee David Moore, Trustee Sam Núñez, Trustee Juanita Wells, and herself.

III. Roberts Rules of Order

Alexander asked for a motion to approve Robert’s Rules of Order and Dr. Peggy Hicks so moved. Adam Pauley seconded. The motion carried.

IV. Appointment of Parliamentarian

With his permission, Clerk Alexander appointed David Moore to be parliamentarian.

V. Payment of Moderator

Alexander asked for a motion to pay the moderator the amount of \$75. Dr. Peggy Hicks so moved and David Moore seconded. The motion carried.

VI. Nominations for Moderator

a. Clerk Alexander called for Nominations for Moderator. Dolores and Dr. Peggy Hicks jointly nominated Mykayla Wilson, which was seconded by John Burch. The nomination was accepted by voice vote.

b. Alexander asked if there were any other nominations. Adam Pauley nominated Jason Owens but there was no second. Alexander again asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to Close the Nominations. Jason Owens so moved and Dr. Peggy Hicks seconded. The motion carried.

VII. Election and Swearing in of Moderator

a. Alexander called for the Question of Mykayla Wilson for Moderator. She was elected by voice vote.

b. Township Clerk Alexander swore in Mykayla Wilson as moderator.

VIII. Approval of the Minutes of 2022 Annual Town Meeting

Moderator Wilson took over the meeting and asked for a motion from the floor to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of April 11, 2023, and to approve them as written by the town clerk to be available for inspection. So moved by Dr. Peggy Hicks, second by Adam Pauley. Moderator Wilson called for discussion. Hearing none, she called for a vote and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IX. Presentation of the Supervisor’s Annual Financial Report

Moderator Wilson asked for a motion from the floor to dispense with the reading of the Supervisor’s Annual Financial Report as of March 31, 2024, and that the report be accepted and placed on file subject to audit. Motion so made by David Moore and seconded by Dr. Peggy Hicks. Moderator Wilson called for discussion. Hearing none, she called for a vote and the motion carried.

X. Presentation of Highway Commissioner’s Annual Financial Report

Moderator Wilson asked for a motion from the floor to dispense with the reading of the Highway Commissioner's Annual Financial Report as of March 31, 2024, and that the report be accepted and placed on file subject to audit. Motion so made by Juanita Wells and seconded by Dr. Peggy Hicks. Moderator Wilson called for discussion. Hearing none, she called for a vote and the motion carried.

XI. Additional Business

a. Moderator Wilson asked for a motion from the floor to pass **Resolution 2024-11 Transfer of Surplus Road and Bridge Social Security Funds to Equipment & Building Fund**. Dolores Hicks so moved and Norm Richardson seconded.

DISCUSSION: Dr. John Burch asked what the motivation was for the transfer and Highway Commissioner Owens explained that they were not able to adjust the percentage down. There was no further discussion. Moderator Wilson called for a vote and the motion carried.

b. Moderator Wilson asked for a motion from the floor to pass **Resolution 2024-12 of Aurora Township, Illinois, Regarding Funds Duly Appropriated for Goods, Services, or Projects But Not Paid For During Current Budget Year**. Dr. Peggy Hicks so moved and Adam Pauley seconded.

DISCUSSION: Highway Commissioner Owens explained that this allows the township to collect monies in any given year for projects that may not fall into that year but will be coming up. He added this is to allow them to save for big purchases without getting a loan. He gave as an example a carryover from resurfacing monies to use for another plow truck. He said voting to approve this protects us from tax levy challenges in reserve. There was no further discussion. Moderator Wilson called for a vote and the motion carried.

XII. Public Comment

Mykayla Wilson asked if there was any additional business. Hearing none, she opened the floor for public comments. She asked that each speaker stand, give their name and address for the clerk, and that their comments are to be three minutes.

Dr. Vincent Gaddis said there were no sidewalks in his neighborhood and it was difficult for some people to get around with a walker. Highway Commissioner Owens said they were in the middle of a project there. Dr. Gaddis thanked the department and said they were very polite workers and did great work.

Dr. Peggy Hicks thanked the staff at the Youth Center and the new director there. She said they were very inclusive. She also thanked the Township Board and Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson for their good work.

Dr. Alejandro Benavides first thanked Commissioner Owens for always keeping the roads clean. He added that they are very responsive. He also said he was very proud of Frank Navarro being appointed Director of Community Services and said Navarro had been in his class in a bilingual program some time ago.

Adam Pauley thanked the Township for funding mental health services and expressed his desire to see them continue to fund such programs to fight addiction.

XIII. Adjournment

Moderator Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Adam Pauley and seconded by David Moore. Wilson called for the vote and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassidy Alexander
Aurora Township Clerk