

**MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois**  
**Thursday, January 23, 2025**

**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 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 David Moore, Trustee Sam Núñez, Trustee Juanita Wells, Assessor Davis Offutt, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Staff present: Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson. Public present: George Scowins, Dr. Peggy Hicks, Martin and Mercy Galicia of the Illinois Tejano Organization, Adam Pauley, Angie Thomas, Bonnie Kunkel, Kevin Harris, Gerald Harris, Sherry Spears, Arlissa Dockery of ECHO Development, and Lillian Perry.

Supervisor Catching moved for **Approval of the Minutes of The Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2025**, which was seconded by Trustee Núñez. The motion carried unanimously.

**II. 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, 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.....	\$12,922.98
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$29,936.59
General Assistance Fund.....	\$1,320.49
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$502.82
Town Social Security Fund.....	\$4,966.67
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,347.68
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$142.57
TOTAL for all funds.....	\$51,139.80

Trustee Núñez asked about the snow removal charges. Ms. Richardson explained that the seniors on the snow removal list get 5 coupons for the season and they may turn them in to use at their discretion. She said only 8 people called for snow service this time. Without further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**III. REPORTS**

a. ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Davis Offutt submitted a written report and said the Kane County Board of Review findings are completed and next week the office will roll over to 2025 assessments.

b. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens said they are doing the usual winter duties. He said a resurfacing bid will be available tomorrow, which will determine their costs for 2025.

c. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Catching thanked Trustee Moore for filling in for him when he attended the first meeting of the year of the Township Supervisors of Illinois in Springfield, for which he is Vice-President. He added there will be four meetings this year, and they expect a lot of turnovers, being an election year.

Catching said the ridership for Ride-In-Kane has increased to pre-Covid levels, with a substantial increase in costs. He said at the last quarterly Ride-In-Kane meeting the \$1 price increase for trips over 10 miles was approved, so they will be \$5 now. He noted Kane County has been adding people in the western townships, so the county pays for those rides, and the Association for Individual Development sponsors their people.

a. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson submitted December's financial statement to the board. She said she is working with each department, going over last year's budgets and payments to begin creating next year's budget. The fiscal year ends March 31, 2025.

b. KANE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S REPORT - none

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Resolution 2025-01 Transfer of Appropriation – Town Fund**. Trustee Núñez seconded. Catching said this is taking from Health Insurance to fund Education and Equipment Purchases in the Assessor's Division and from Health Insurance to fund Program Expenses in the Youth Services Department. Ms. Richardson said the Youth Center has already had requests for field trips which would be in this year's budget, and needed craft supplies and sweatshirts. Without further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** – none

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Artissa Dockery said she wanted to clear the record. She said she applied for a grant for ECHO Development from the Aurora Township Senior Citizens Fund on December 10 and complied with all the rules. She said that she was asked by the grant committee to supply more information, which she pointed out was not asked for in the application, but Ms. Dockery said she supplied the information by email to Supervisor Catching on December 11, and resupplied it when he said it was not attached. She said on December 12 she was told she had not complied. She said this was incorrect and not fair, when she had done everything asked of her. [NOTE: ECHO Development was not given a grant.]

Adam Pauley pointed to the still-unwrapped harm reduction supplies and asked why they are still not open and available at the Township. Supervisor Catching responded that he has had difficulty getting a training session scheduled. Mr. Pauley asked him to please solve it.

Gerald Harris expressed disappointment in Aurora Township. He said he was a part of building the Aurora Youth Center and was disappointed with the number of services provided. He stated that he works for a charity and cooks meals to serve to over 6,000 needy residents and has to pay for them out of his own pocket. He said he did not apply for a grant, but he wants fairness for everybody.

Sherry Spears said the Township needs to look at other organizations when handing out grants, besides the usual recipients. She stated more groups can serve more people.

Lillian Perry said social services only gets 15% of block grants and that that needs to be raised. She also vouched for Ms. Dockery that her paperwork was turned in on time.

At this point, Supervisor Catching spoke up and said that these are competitive grants, that others also did not get funding, and that the ones that did had more detailed financial papers. Discussion ended.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Catching said the African American Heritage Advisory Board Dinner will be at the end of February.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Aurora Township Clerk Cassidy Alexander