

MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING
80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, March 13, 2025

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, Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Sam Núñez (arriving at 4:12), and Juanita Wells, Assessor Davis Offutt, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Staff present: Director of Finances and Administration Patty Richardson and Interim Director of Community Services Jennifer Haurykiewicz. Public present: Denice Cox, Jewel Hayes of Senior Services, George Scowins, Dr. Peggy Hicks, Frances Jones, Johnnie Smith, Ruby Brown, Kevin Hale, Tom Passaro, Sharain Spears, Dr. Vincent Gaddis, Cat Gaddis, John Burch, Bonnie Kunkel and Dep. Vidrio, Dep. Alvarez and Lt. J. Velazquez of the Kane County Sheriff's Department.

II. Supervisor Catching moved for **Approval of the Minutes of The Regular Board Meeting of February 27, 2025**, which was seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried without discussion.

III. Approval and/or Audit of Township and Road District Bills
Supervisor Catching moved to approve the combined Town Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, General Assistance Fund, Equipment & Building Fund, Joint Bridge Fund, Town IMRF Fund, Town Social Security Fund, Road & Bridge Social Security Fund and Road & Bridge IMRF Fund bills as presented to the board. It was seconded by Trustee Moore. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$88,936.41
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$286,001.06
General Assistance Fund.....	\$8,224.51
R&B Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$4,543.96
Joint Bridge Fund.....	\$178,749.26
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$470.63
Town Social Security Fund.....	\$4,834.01
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$985.17
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$106.97
<u>The total for all funds is \$572,851.98.</u>	The motion carried without discussion.

IV. REPORTS
a. ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Davis Offutt submitted a written report with the progress of the usual duties of the department. He mentioned that they have had a lot of people coming in person to the assessor's office to get help with the Senior Freeze and Veteran's Discounts.

b. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report on the usual duties of the department. He said the total cost for our portion of the Blackberry Heights project was \$630,000 and \$430,000 was

submitted for approval at today's meeting. Owens stated there is an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Aurora to repave Molitor East of Farnsworth, and the township's part is \$36,000, but if Federal Funding comes through it would only be \$9,000. He said he is prepared either way.

c. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Catching said he got thank you letters from Senior Services and A.I.D. for the grant funding, and a certificate of appreciation from Senior Services Associated.

He said he is working on next year's budget and that employee evaluations have begun.

Catching said he got a Legislative Alert about Senate Bill SB2504, which he opposes. He said this bill is a battle against small townships in particular but all townships in general. He stated that townships are smaller and therefore have less bureaucracy. Catching said not only can townships respond to issues faster than city or county governments, they also generally perform services cheaper. The Supervisor asked the board and everyone present to call their state legislator to support townships. Trustee Wells asked if there was something they could do quickly online, and Catching said you can go to ILGA.GOV, and after you register with your name and email, search for SB2504 and oppose it with one click.

d. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Interim Director of Community Services Jennifer Haurykiewicz submitted a written report on what has been happening at the Youth Center. She said David Alfaro, the new Youth Outreach Worker, is working hard and helping with soccer until they can find another Youth Worker with a soccer background. Haurykiewicz said there are 43 kids registered for the after school program, which is considerably better than last year. She added that enrollment for Summer Camp has begun, it is \$300 per child, and they are limited to 35 due to transportation constraints. Trustee Núñez commended Haurykiewicz for getting enrollment numbers up.

e. KANE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S REPORT - none

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Resolution 2025-03 Grant Funding 2024-2025 Fiscal Year** with the second Trustee Wells. Catching went through the list of grantees, naming the reasons for each one, and noting their long-standing ties to the Township. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Supervisor Catching moved for **Approval of Agenda for Annual Town Meeting, April 8, 2025**. The second was Trustee Hicks. The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – none

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Vince Gaddis spoke about the summer STEM project and how it inspires young people.

Bonnie Kunkel asked where the Annual Town Meeting would be held, and Catching said the Youth Center. Kunkel also asked if a copy of the notice would be on the website, and Catching said yes, there and at the township offices and the Youth Center.

Denice Cox said she has been coming to the senior meetings on Tuesday evenings at the Youth Center and said she enjoys them very much.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Catching said the Boy Scouts annual breakfast will be May 1 at Prisco Center.

Trustee Hicks said the first Senior Dance of the season will be next Thursday at Abbington Banquets. There was a discussion of the need for an on-call driver for a second van.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Town Clerk Cassidy Alexander