

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

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

Trustee David Moore called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and led all present in the pledge of allegiance. Trustee Hicks gave the invocation. Clerk Cassidy Alexander called the roll and established a quorum with the following officials and board members present: Trustee Dolores Hicks, Trustee David Moore, Trustee Sam Núñez, Trustee Juanita Wells, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Supervisor Catching and Assessor Davis Offutt were excused absent. Staff present: Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson. Public present: Dr. Peggy Hicks, Adam Pauley, Ed Schmidt, Daryl Pass of the Kenneth Young Center, Kevin Hale, Sherry Spears, Lillian Perry, and Alissa Dockery.

**II.** Trustee David Moore moved to **Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 23, 2025**, which was seconded by Trustee Wells. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**III. APPROVAL AND/OR AUDIT OF TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS**

a. Trustee Moore moved to approve the combined Town Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, General Assistance Fund, Equipment & Building 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 Hicks. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$134,145.07
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$73,211.93
General Assistance Fund.....	\$10,229.24
Equipment & Building Fund.....	\$4,475.82
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$454.82
Town Social Security Fund.....	\$4,694.22
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,157.29
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$125.64

Total of all funds.....\$228,494.03. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**IV. REPORTS**

a. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt submitted a written report of the usual duties of the department.

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens submitted a written report.

c. Supervisor's Report - None

d. Director of Community Services Report

Interim Director of Community Services Jennifer Haurykiewicz submitted a written report.

- e. Kane County Deputy Sheriff's Report – None

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Harm Reduction Vending Machines

Trustee Moore asked Daryl Pass, of the Kenneth Young Center, if he had information to report. Mr. Pass submitted to the board a paper outlining over 200 harm reduction machines the center distributed throughout Kane County in January. He apologized for his part in not getting together with the Supervisor sooner to have the training done. Patty Richardson said the main office staff recently received training in use of harm reduction equipment by the Kane County Health Department, and it is now operational, and the Youth Center staff is scheduled to receive training February 28, after which theirs will be operational, too.

- b. Trustee Moore moved to **Approve the Hiring of David Alfaro for Youth Center Outreach Worker**. The second was Trustee Wells. Patty Richardson said that there used to be two outreach workers but both have now left and it was agreed that one outreach worker will be enough. She said his credentials were included in the board packets. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Trustee Wells said she had recently seen the application of one group that did not receive an Aurora Township Senior Services Referendum grant and that the application followed all the rules, and the grievances seemed reasonable. Wells asked if the board could reconsider and give this group some money, because the board was not able to make a just decision since it was not given all the information.

Richardson said a separate committee does the reviews of applications and makes the recommendations, and that the money has already been levied and sent out, and since we cannot go into negative funding, that process is done. She added that there are still other mechanisms to give out grants.

Trustee Wells asked Director Richardson to discuss this with Supervisor Catching and Richardson agreed to.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lillian Perry asked to see the exact amount of money that the Township had available for the Senior Services grants. Director of Finance Patty Richardson replied that the information is in the December financial statements and the Resolution passed in the last December meeting available on the Township website. She explained that, although we levy just under \$500,000, we do not receive 100% of the tax monies from the county, because a few people do not pay their taxes, but we get 95% – 98% of the money levied.

Alissa Dockery thanked Daryl Pass for providing harm reduction machines to the township. She also thanked Trustee Wells for bringing up her grievance with the committee's decisions. She said her group works with the Northern Illinois Food Bank and gets meals for free but must pay to distribute and deliver the meals to seniors.

Adam Pauley thanked the township for putting in the harm reduction machines and for finally getting the training needed to make them operational.

Dr. Peggy Hicks stated she has a PhD in Community Psychology and a long history working with the Township, and said she has no control over the decisions of the Senior Services Referendum grant committee. She said she is open to working with anyone so we can all work together to help how we can.

Sherry Spears asked if someone who received a grant from the Senior Services Referendum grant committee could be on that committee. Trustee Moore answered no, that there would be a conflict of interest.

Pastor John Burch spoke up. He said he was on the Senior Services Referendum Grant Committee and that there was a very specific review process – that the applications are available long ahead of time and that he is a member of the subcommittee that reviews the applications. He said all members have copies of what was submitted by date. He said ECHO submitted incomplete materials and documentation, that he asked Supervisor Catching to give them another 24 hours to comply, and that when submitted, the application still was not complete. This was again disputed by Dockery. There were no more comments.

#### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Peggy Hicks announced that the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Black History Program will be February 21 at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Lillian Perry announced that Arlissa Dockery, of ECHO Development, received the Black History Award yesterday from the Kane County Board of Directors and applause broke out.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Moore moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Núñez. With a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cassidy Alexander". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cassidy Alexander, Township Clerk