

MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING
80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, May 8, 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 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, Trustees Dolores Hicks, David Moore, Sam Núñez 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: George Scowins, Dr. Peggy Hicks, Ed Ryan, Mark Garrison of ABATE, Adam Pauley, and Bill Cassidy.

II. Supervisor Catching moved for **Approval of the Minutes of The Regular Board Meeting of April 24, 2025**, which was seconded by Trustee Núñez. The motion carried unanimously.

III. 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 Road & Bridge IMRF Fund bills as presented to the board. It was seconded by Trustee Moore. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$99,333.71
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$19,690.66
General Assistance Fund.....	\$4,823.08
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$485.78
Town Social Security Fund.....	\$5,077.34
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$810.05
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$87.97

The total for all funds is \$130,308.59. Trustee Núñez asked about the field trip to the K.C. Cougars game and Haurykiewicz said it includes up to 50 people. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

a. ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Davis Offutt submitted a written report with the progress of the usual duties of the department. He said they are trying to get files to the Superintendent of Assessors Office by May 16th if possible.

b. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens said they are done with winter operations and are working on the drainage project in Marywood subdivision and expect to do resurfacing by the beginning of June. Owens added they had a new hire within the last two weeks, another one next week, and a third worker is retiring soon.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Catching said the employee bathroom is repaired and has new flooring, and that ServiceMaster will reseal it Monday.

The Supervisor read an Aurora Township Formal Proclamation that the month of May, 2025, is declared Motorcycle Awareness Month. Mark Garrison, of DuKane ABATE (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education), spoke for a few minutes on the sobering statistics of motorcycle accidents, the good works that a lot of motorcyclists do, the importance of motorcycle safety, and the need for the general public to be more aware of them on the road. He said his group speaks to high school students who are new drivers as well.

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. Highlights: She said they are looking to fill the newly vacant position of Youth Outreach Worker. Haurykiewicz stated the summer camp program was filled to capacity within a week of its opening in March, and that all but one field trip has been scheduled. She added soccer is now outside, allowing for an expansion of basketball hours.

KANE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S REPORT - none

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Ordinance 2025-18 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Aurora Township**. The second was Trustee Wells. Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson gave some highlights: She said our revenues are flat but our expenses are going up: personnel costs, IT costs, possible elevator costs, new playground costs, etc. She said we'd be fine with the monies allocated toward contingencies and by spending down our reserves by \$1.3 million, which would still leave 3 months of reserves. She said the target is to have 3 – 6 months in reserve. Supervisor Catching added that our planned new playground is thanks in part to Illinois Representative Matt Hanson. Roll Call Vote: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. The Ordinance passed.

b. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Ordinance 2025-19 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Aurora Township Road District**. The second was Trustee Wells. Highway Commissioner Owens said we now have the Capital Fund in the budget which allows him to save money from year to year for larger projects, without having to get costly loans. He added this will also stop the objections to holding onto tax dollars for these big capital outlays. Roll Call Vote: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. The Ordinance passed.

c. Supervisor Catching asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 2025-20 Authorizing the Township Supervisor to Lease the Bus Barn Facility**. Trustee Hicks so moved, with Trustee Moore giving the second. Catching said this is the same place we have used for years, with a long-standing lease. Trustee Núñez asked if it was the same owner, and Catching said yes. Richardson said there would be a 3% per year increase. Without further discussion, the motion carried, with the Supervisor abstaining.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Supervisor Catching read individual Certificates of Appreciation for each of the outgoing officers of the board: Clerk Cassidy Alexander, Trustee Moore and Trustee Wells. Then each of them, in turn, expressed thanks and praise for all those who have contributed to the well-run township, including the Supervisor, the Highway Commissioner, the Trustees, and Directors Richardson and Haurykiewicz. Trustees Hicks and Núñez each expressed their thanks for working with the outgoing officers.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Adam Pauley said thank you to everyone who served on the board this last term. He added that May is also Mental Health Month.

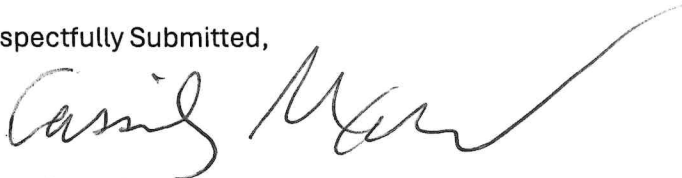
VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Catching said the swearing in of the new board members will be tonight at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn which was seconded by both Trustees Wells and Moore! The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cassidy Alexander", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Town Clerk Cassidy Alexander