

MINUTES of the AURORA TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING
80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois
Thursday, April 24, 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, Trustee Dolores Hicks, Trustee David Moore, Trustee Sam Núñez [by Zoom], Trustee Juanita Wells, and Highway Commissioner Jason Owens. Assessor Davis Offutt was excused absent. Staff present: Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson, Interim Director of Community Services Jennnifer Haurykiewicz. Public present: Deputy S. Hernandez of the Kane County Sheriff Department, Alma Green, John E. Burch III, Jewel Hayes, George Scowins, Bob Paolucci, Ed Ryan, Ruby Smith Brown, Johnnie Smith, Denice Cox, and Lillie Glover.

NOTE: Due to Trustee Núñez's attendance by Zoom, all votes were by Roll call.

II. Supervisor Catching moved for **Approval of the Minutes of The Regular Board Meeting of April 8, 2025**. It was seconded by Trustee Hicks. Roll call: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. The motion carried.

III. 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 Road & Bridge IMRF Fund bills as presented to the board. The second was Trustee Wells. The bills are as follows:

Town Fund.....	\$27,234.38
Road & Bridge Fund.....	\$45,856.96
General Assistance Fund.....	\$6,439.18
Town IMRF Fund.....	\$100,474.79
Town Social Security Fund.....	\$4,772.17
R&B Social Security Fund.....	\$1,445.12
R&B IMRF Fund.....	\$213.37

TOTAL is \$186,435.97 . Roll call: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. The motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

a. ASSESSOR'S REPORT

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

b. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Jason Owens said the department is going through several personnel changes, with a number of people leaving and one starting today and another still to be added. He also said the department has started the drainage project in West Marywood subdivision.

c. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Catching welcomed back our HR Director, Jennifer Haurykiewicz, who had been ill for a while. Catching thanked Mr. Sandoval for making a special trip to work, on his birthday, to supervise the work being

done on the employee bathroom at the main offices. Catching said the repairs were estimated to cost about \$10,000, including a new floor. The Supervisor said there is now quite a lot of work being done on the land just north of the Town offices, and because the construction company is having some electrical issues, he will be meeting with the City of Aurora about this. Catching said we will soon be renewing our lease for the bus barn Prairie. He reminded all elected officials to file their Statements of Economic Interest before May 1 to avoid a fine. Lastly, Supervisor Catching said he will go to Springfield next Tuesday for Township Lobby Day.

d. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Director of Finance and Administration Patty Richardson submitted March's financial statements to the board and said they are preliminary until the Audit Report is finished, and said she is working with the auditors now. Richardson said that Chris Tippin is no longer our accountant and we are looking for a new one to work part-time.

e. KANE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S REPORT - none

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Supervisor Catching moved to approve **Resolution 2025-17 Amended Board Meeting Schedule for 2025**. The motion failed for lack of a second.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Moore, referring to the above failed Resolution 2025-17, said the motion, which would have changed the board meeting time to 5:30, would put them into night hours in the winter, which he said was unfavorable. He added that it is really up to the electorate to make their wishes known, as well as the Town employees.

Trustee Wells said the idea to move the meeting time later has been tried before and it didn't work, stating she has been on many boards that met at various times and it made no difference as to who showed up at the meetings. She added that it should be the new board who has the right to change the time if they want.

Trustee Hicks said she didn't want the change.

Trustee Núñez said he thought that the incoming board should be the ones to decide if they want to change the time of the meetings.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patty Richardson said she wanted to hear from those present in the audience today if it would make a difference for the board to meet later in the day, and the only comment was from Bob Paolucci, who said he and his friend were retired so it would not make a difference, and he added that this board was very well run compared to the others he has attended.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

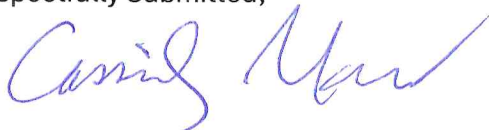
Supervisor Catching said the swearing in ceremony for the new board will take place May 8 at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center, 313 Gale St. Aurora.

Catching also said the annual Boy Scouts "Heroes" Breakfast will be May 1 at Prisco Center. Trustee Hicks said the Kidz n Boats event will be held on June 28 at Philips Park at the Gazebo.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Catching moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Wells. Roll call: Catching – Y; Hicks – Y; Moore – Y; Núñez – Y; Wells – Y. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassidy Alexander, Aurora Township Clerk