

Aurora Township
 Board of Trustees Meeting
 80 N. Broadway | Aurora, IL
 November 13, 2025 | 4:00 pm
 MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Catching at 4:00 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was led by Supervisor Catching.

III. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Trustee Hicks.

IV. ROLL CALL

Clerk Thomas called the roll and established quorum with the following officials present:

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| x Supervisor William Catching | x Trustee Jerria Donelson |
| x Assessor Davis R. Offutt | x Trustee Dolores Hicks |
| Highway Commissioner, Jason Owens - ABSENT | x Trustee Bonnie Kunkel |
| x Clerk Angie Thomas | x Trustee Sam Nuñez |

Aurora Township staff – Patricia Richardson, Director of Finance and Administration; Jennifer Haurykiewicz, HR Coordinator/Interim Director of Community Services; Paul Patricoski, Township attorney; and members of the public were also in attendance (see attached).

V. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2025

Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Nuñez

The minutes were approved by voice vote. Trustee Kunkel voted Nay with objection to the designation of Clerk Thomas’ absence as “excused.”

VI. TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS

Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Hicks

To approve or audit the combined bills for the 1) Town Fund, 2) Road & Bridge Fund, 3) General Assistance Fund, 4) Equipment & Building Fund, 5) Town IMRF Fund, 6) Town Social Security Fund, 7) Road & Bridge Social Security Fund, and 8) Road & Bridge IMRF Fund:

Aurora Township Bills Payable – November 13 2025	
Town Fund	\$ 78,676.66
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 22,040.46
General Assistance Fund	\$ 13,049.77
Equipment & Building Fund	\$ 2,454.18
Town IMRF Fund	\$ 994.02
Town Social Security Fund	\$ 10,498.85
Road & Bridge Social Security Fund	\$ 2,244.28
Road & Bridge IMRF Fund	\$ 227.60
TOTAL of all funds:	\$ 130,185.82

The bills were approved by unanimous voice vote.

VII. REPORTS

a. Assessor

A written report covering activity between Oct. 9 - Nov. 12, 2025 reviewed; Kane County Board of Review has two remaining hearing dates, Nov. 20 and Dec. 8. The Board of Review will likely issue decisions on assessment complaints for all 16 counties in January.

b. Highway Commissioner

A written report covering activity between Oct. 23 – Nov. 12, 2025 was provided.

c. Township Supervisor

An update on the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) 2025 Conference held in Springfield, Nov. 10-12 was given. Supervisor Catching acknowledged the upcoming retirement of Township attorney, Paul Patricoski, and thanked him for his many contributions and years of service. The Township will likely contract Ancel Glink for legal counsel, which is the law firm that writes/updates the TOI Laws & Duties Handbook.

d. Community Services

Interim Director Haurykiewicz presented highlights from a written report: registration for the After School Program is up to 42, about 20 youth participate daily; 2) staff is regularly posting on the Aurora Township Facebook page which is drawing more interest to programs; 3) staff continues to host and attend events to raise awareness amongst residents.

Youth Services has again been invited to participate in the City of Aurora's Cocoa Crawl on Dec. 5 and the Winter Community Resource Fair hosted by the Aurora Public Library on Dec. 12.

Interim Director Haurykiewicz expressed thanks to attorney Patricoski for his leadership and insights after 27 dedicated years of service on the Aurora Township Youth Commission.

e. Finance and Administration

The last distribution from the Kane County tax levy was due to the Township on Nov. 14. Ride in Kane: program funding will remain level in 2026; three new Pace buses have been acquired to update the Township's aging fleet (9 total).

f. Kane County Sheriff

No report/representative

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Determination of 2025 Aurora Township Tax Levy

Director Richardson reviewed the formula for calculating the annual tax levy and estimated 2025 revenue for all Township funds: General Corporate, Mental Health, Senior Citizen Services, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, Social Security, and Public Assistance. The 2024 Tax Levy Ordinance and accompanying data was presented as an example of what the Board will vote on in December. The 2025 tax levy, collectable in 2026 is estimated at 2.84% above the 2024 levy, for a total of \$4,780,565.59 of revenue.

b. Determination of 2025 Aurora Township Road District Tax Levy

The 2025 tax levy for the Road District will also be voted on in December. The increase is estimated to be below 5%. An increase for the Road District or the Township above 5% by law requires a public hearing and vote.

c. Approval of Resolution 2025-30 Board Meeting Schedule for 2026

There are two Tuesday meetings in February and December; Supervisor Catching noted the later time for the Annual Meeting in April and highlighted possible agenda items.

Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Hicks | Approved by unanimous voice vote.

d. Approval of 2026 Holiday Schedule

The Township continues to follow Kane County's holiday schedule which includes 16 observances.

Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Kunkel | Approved by unanimous voice vote.

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Hicks asked members of the board to donate hams to the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry in mid-December. More information will be provided.
- Trustee Kunkel congratulated Trustee Hicks on being honored during the Aurora Actioneers 50th Anniversary celebration, which includes recognition from Congressman Bill Foster in the Congressional Record.
- Trustee Kunkel recommended that the Township pass a resolution, similar to the City of Aurora Ordinance that prohibits the unauthorized use of Township property by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and promotes information sharing about incidents with the State of Illinois Accountability Commission. There was considerable discussion about the pros and cons. Supervisor Catching gave a reminder about the guidance developed with the Township's attorney (in February) to address ICE activity. There was no decision on whether to follow the city's lead and take a more public stance.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Live-4-Lali – Keyana Thilett spoke about this program that works in partnership with the Kane County Health Department to provide supports for individuals and families dealing with substance use or loss – including advocacy, education, harm reduction, and peer support. Information is available in the Township office.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

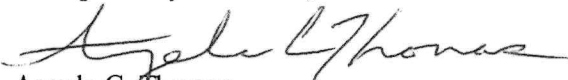
Dr. Peggy Hicks – recognized Township seniors who have recently volunteered at the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry to pack food boxes and meet the increased demand from families who have lost SNAP benefits. The Scholarship luncheon hosted by the Fox Valley Christian Ministerial Alliance on November 15, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church, was again announced.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Donelson
Passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Angela C. Thomas
Aurora Township Clerk