

Aurora Township  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
80 N. Broadway | Aurora, IL  
January 8, 2026 | 4:00 pm  
MINUTES

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Catching at 4:04 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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>x</b> Supervisor William Catching</li> <li>Assessor Davis R. Offutt -- <b>ABSENT</b></li> <li><b>x</b> Highway Commissioner, Jason Owens</li> <li><b>x</b> Clerk Angie Thomas</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>x</b> Trustee Jerria Donelson</li> <li><b>x</b> Trustee Dolores Hicks</li> <li><b>x</b> Trustee Bonnie Kunkel</li> <li><b>x</b> Trustee Sam Nuñez</li> </ul> |
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Aurora Township staff – Patricia Richardson, Director of Finance and Administration; Jennifer Haurykiewicz, HR Coordinator/Interim Director of Community Services; and members of the public were also in attendance (see attached).

**V. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 23, 2025**

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

The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**VI. TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS**

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:

<b>Aurora Township Bills Payable – January 8, 2026</b>	
Town Fund	\$37,874.60
Road & Bridge Fund	\$36,026.22
General Assistance Fund	\$ 7,621.79
Equipment & Building Fund	\$ 400.00
Town IMRF Fund	\$ 458.96
Town Social Security Fund	\$ 4,868.09
Road & Bridge Social Security Fund	\$ 1,462.99
Road & Bridge IMRF Fund	\$ 144.86
<b>TOTAL of all funds:</b>	<b>\$88,857.51</b>

**Motion** by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Hicks. Trustee Kunkel inquired about the monthly cost of the Senior Snow Voucher program. The annual budget is \$150,000 for the Senior Snow Removal and Mowing Progra. The bills were approved by unanimous voice vote.

## VII. REPORTS

### a. Assessor

A written report covering activity between Dec. 23 and Jan. 7, 2026 was provided to the board, which included information from [assessments.kanecountyil.gov](https://assessments.kanecountyil.gov), including frequently asked questions, Homestead exemption information, and contact list of Township Supervisors in Kane County.

### b. Highway Commissioner

Highlights from a written report covering activity since Dec 22, 2025: a round of pothole repairs completed. Agreement signed with HLR for drainage project in Leigh-Westaway subdivision. Worked with HR to create new Community Outreach position within the Highway Department. Highway Commissioner Owens introduced the new hire for the position Brian Demeter (retired Kane County Sheriff officer).

### c. Township Supervisor

- New Years Eve Supervisor Catching responded to a request from Kane County Emergency Management to help displaced residents (fire back in the summer) move back into their homes at 827-829 N. Lake Street.
- News of the passing of long-time St. Charles Supervisor, Ron Johnson, shared and a brief history of his community service.
- Supervisor Catching will attend the state-wide meeting of supervisors on January 19.
- A letter of "Invitation to Listening Session with Kane County Staff" shared with the board. Trustees invited to participate Jan. 12 at 4:00 pm at the Sugar Grove Public Library.

### d. Director of Community Services

- Winter Open House Jan. 10, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Youth Center. Residents invited to come learn about the Township's free after school and sports programs.
- There's a vacancy for a Youth Worker. Information about the position is available on the Township website, [auroratownship.org/employment](https://auroratownship.org/employment)
- Due to declining interest, volleyball activities ended on Dec. 19. The Youth Center will now close on Fridays at 5:30 pm until an alternative activity begins.

### e. Kane County Sheriff

No report/representative

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2026-01 Limiting Use of Certain Township of Aurora Property To The Conduct of Township Business and Prohibiting Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities Thereon  
**Motion** by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Kunkel

The motion was approved as amended by unanimous roll call vote

<b>Yay</b>	Supervisor William Catching	<b>Yay</b>	Trustee Bonnie Kunkel
<b>Yay</b>	Trustee Jerria Donelson	<b>Yay</b>	Trustee Sam Nuñez
<b>Yay</b>	Trustee Dolores Hicks		

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Hicks thanked Highway Commissioner Owens and Supervisor Catching for their contribution of 100 hams to the Marie Wilkonson holiday meal drive in December.
- Trustee Donelson shared information on a community meeting with Assessor Offutt hosted annually in partnership with the Neighbor Project. The board was asked to consider a broader event to include support from the Township.
- Senior Community Services Committee – next quarterly meeting is Jan. 23, 9:00 am at the Neighbor Project located at 32 S. Broadway, Aurora.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King Day celebration hosted by Fox Valley Christian Ministerial Alliance, 9:30 am at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 10 N. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora
- Feb 20 – Save the Date for the City of Aurora’s African American Heritage Advisory Board 20th annual fundraising dinner

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Nuñez  
Passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Angela C. Thomas  
Aurora Township Clerk