

Aurora Township
 Board of Trustees Meeting
 80 N. Broadway | Aurora, IL
 December 23, 2025 | 4:00 pm
 MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Catching at 4:01 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 |
| x Highway Commissioner, Jason Owens | x Trustee Bonnie Kunkel |
| x Clerk Angie Thomas | x Trustee Sam Nuñez |

Aurora Township staff – Patricia Richardson, Director of Finance and Administration; Delia Gomez, Chief Deputy Assessor; and members of the public were also in attendance (see attached).

V. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2025

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

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:

Aurora Township Bills Payable – December 11, 2025	
Town Fund	\$31,143.95
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 3,919.01
General Assistance Fund	\$ 2,398.68
Equipment & Building Fund	\$ 873.16
Town IMRF Fund	\$ 487.61
Town Social Security Fund	\$ 4,894.80
Road & Bridge Social Security Fund	\$ 1,468.81
Road & Bridge IMRF Fund	\$ 147.00
TOTAL of all funds:	\$45,333.02

Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Hicks. Trustee Kunkel had questions about maintenance services provided by R.J. O’Neil totaling \$19,156.00. Supervisor Catching provided information on the emergency plumbing repairs (Handyman Services) made on behalf of a senior citizen Township resident. The bills were approved by unanimous voice vote.

VII. REPORTS

a. Assessor

A written report covering activity between Dec. 11-22, 2025 reviewed; notices of findings from the Kane County Board of Review for Aurora Township will be mailed by January 5, 2026. Trustee Hicks inquired about “maximum income limitation” for the Low-Income Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption, which takes affect in the 2026 tax year (payable in 2027). The Assessor is available to discuss in more detail; residents can contact the Kane County Assessment Office at (630) 208-3818 or visit <https://Assessments.KaneCountyIL.gov>.

b. Highway Commissioner

No report

c. Township Supervisor

- Thanked Highway Commissioner Owens for coordinating the volunteers and logistics for the seniors’ holiday dinners held Saturday, December 13 at the Third Ward Club (612 5th Avenue).
- Senior Referendum Advisory Committee – **Jan. 12, 2026** grant applications due from community groups; Jan. 15 applications give presentations to the Committee; Jan 22 funding recommendations presented to Township Board of Trustees for consideration/vote. All meetings open to the public. Contact the Aurora Township Office for more details. **630-897-8777**
- Reminder about changes to the Ride in Kane program: Effective January 1, 2026 Aurora Township will no longer process registrations. A coordinated program will launch to provide equal access to ride services for seniors across Kane County, increase efficiencies, consistency, sustainability, and reduced administration. Seniors 65 and older and individuals with disabilities can contact 630-762-2600 to register for service and more information.
- Ordinance to address ICE enforcement activities on Township property to be discussed with the Township’s new attorney sometime in January.
- Notice of Unconstitutional Change in Form of Government – has been circulated to Kane County Township Supervisors which alleges that the Kane County Board was not properly changed (in 1972) from a Board of Supervisors to reapportioned/elected board members. The Board will be informed of any legal action or other developments.

d. Finance and Administration

Patricia Richardson, Director of Finance and Administration, presented November financial statement review and information on requests for transfer of funds/appropriations.

e. Kane County Sheriff

No report/representative

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2025-36 Transfer of Appropriation-Town Fund
Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Nuñez
To approve the transfer of \$2,000 from the Assessor's Assistant Wages account (53100) to the Assessor's Assistant Office Supplies account (54400). Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Resolution 2025-37 Transfer of Appropriation General Assistance Fund
Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Hicks
To approve the transfer of \$5,000 from the Medical Expenses account (72000) and \$5,000 from the Emergency Assistance account (75400) for a total transfer of \$10,000 to the Rental Assistance account (72300). Approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dec. 27 – Annual Kwanza Celebration hosted by African American Men of Unity, 6:00 – 8:30 pm, Prisco Center
- Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King Day celebration hosted by Fox Valley Christian Ministerial Alliance, 9:30 @ Westminster Presbyterian Church (10 N. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora)
- Dr. Peggy Hicks thanked board members who attended the Dec. 16 Township Senior Drop-In Program Christmas Party – great turnout and good time held by all.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Donelson
Passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Thomas
Aurora Township Clerk