

Aurora Township
 Board of Trustees Meeting
 80 N. Broadway | Aurora, IL
 December 11, 2025 | 4:00 pm
 MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Catching at 4:05 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was led by Supervisor Catching.

III. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Assessor Davis Offutt

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; 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 NOVEMBER 13, 2025

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

The minutes were approved by voice vote.

VI. TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS

To approve reimbursements to Board Members 1) Dolores Hicks \$530.64 for Township Officials of Illinois conference expenses and 2) Davis Offutt \$376.25 for vehicle maintenance. Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Hicks. Passed by roll call vote:

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| Yay Supervisor William Catching | Yay Trustee Bonnie Kunkel |
| Yay Trustee Jerria Donelson | Yay Trustee Sam Nuñez |
| abstain Trustee Dolores Hicks | |

To approve or audit the combined bills for the 1) Town Fund, 2) Road & Bridge Fund, 3) General Assistance Fund, 4) Mental Health Fund, 5) Equipment & Building Fund, 6) CDAP Fund, 7) Town IMRF Fund, 8) Town Social Security Fund, 9) Road & Bridge Social Security Fund, and 10) Road & Bridge IMRF Fund:

Aurora Township Bills Payable – December 11 2025	
Town Fund	\$ 71,211.41
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 55,546.86
General Assistance Fund	\$ 12,808.93

Mental Health Fund	\$ 22,990.30
Equipment & Building Fund	\$ 8,981.83
CDAP Fund	\$ 600.00
Town IMRF Fund	\$ 971.92
Town Social Security Fund	\$ 9,940.03
Road & Bridge Social Security Fund	\$ 2,979.82
Road & Bridge IMRF Fund	\$ 304.37
TOTAL of all funds:	\$186,335.47

Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Hicks. Trustee Kunkel had questions about the number of Township youth who attend the Kwanza celebration hosted by African American Men of Unity (\$500 Township grant) and the use of funds by the Aurora Puerto Rican Cultural Council (\$500 Township grant, transportation for seniors). The bills were approved by unanimous voice vote.

VII. REPORTS

a. Assessor

A written report covering activity between Nov. 13 – Dec. 10, 2025 reviewed; Kane County Board of Review hearings for Aurora Township have concluded and included: 219 filings, 351 parcels, 6 withdrawals, 57 streamlined cases (not required to appear in person), and 71 complaints from taxing bodies.

b. Highway Commissioner

Highlights from a written report covering activity since Nov. 19, 2025: staff responded to several snow events, surpassed snow totals from last year; Highway Commissioner working with Township attorney on parking enforcement during/after storms; responded to emergency and non-emergency J.U.L.I.E. calls (safe digging).

c. Township Supervisor

- Highlights of a presentation on the Ride in Kane (RIK) County-Wide Coordinated Program shared: Effective January 1, 2026 Aurora Township will no longer serve as a local sponsor which eliminates the requirement for financial contributions and program administration. A coordinated program will provide equal access to ride services for seniors across Kane County, increase efficiencies, consistency, sustainability, and reduced administration. Supervisor Catching is working for Aurora Township to serve as a satellite location for seniors to register for RIK.
- Call for volunteers to pack holiday dinners for seniors: Saturday, December 13, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm, Third Ward Club (612 5th Avenue). About 500 seniors signed up for meals, approximately 80 expected to dine in. This is an initiative started nearly 40 years ago by the owner of Jake's Bagels.
- Village of Carpentersville ordinance and Elgin Township proclamation addressing ICE enforcement activities shared as examples of action that can be taken by Aurora Township. Board Members agreed by consensus to pass a resolution or ordinance to ban certain activities (from township property), to take the strongest stance possible for human dignity and due process.

d. Community Services

Interim Director Haurykiewicz presented highlights from a written report: bilingual monthly newsletter created to keep After School Program parents more informed about activities and further encourage regular participation of youth throughout the week. Copy provided. January 10, 2026 targeted for Winter Open House for the community.

e. Kane County Sheriff
No report/representative

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Ordinance 2025-31 Aurora Township Tax Levy

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

The sum of \$4,780,565 is levied upon all property subject to taxation within the Township in order to meet all the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Township as required by statute or voted by residents. No increase over 2024, except for the Mental Health Fund. Approved by roll call vote:

Yay	Supervisor William Catching	Yay	Trustee Bonnie Kunkel
Yay	Trustee Jerria Donelson	Yay	Trustee Sam Nuñez
Yay	Trustee Dolores Hicks		

b. Ordinance 2025-32 Aurora Township Road District Tax Levy

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

The sum of \$2,375,877.43 is levied upon all property subject to taxation within the Road District in order to meet all the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Road District as required by statute or voted by residents. Approved by roll call vote.

Yay	Supervisor William Catching	Yay	Trustee Bonnie Kunkel
Yay	Trustee Jerria Donelson	Yay	Trustee Sam Nuñez
Yay	Trustee Dolores Hicks		

c. Resolution 2025-33 Transfer of Appropriation-Town Fund

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

To approve the transfer of \$11,000 for a computer server upgrade for the Assessor's Office from account 53100 (Assessor's Assistant Wages) to account 54500 (Assessor's Division-Equipment Purchase). Approved by unanimous voice vote.

d. Resolution 2025-35 Reappointing/Appointing Members to Aurora Township Senior Referendum Advisory Committee

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

Kimberly Thurmond, Maggie Celis Furguson, John Birch III, Valerie Arroyo, and Juanita Wells approved by unanimous voice vote.

e. Proclamation Recognizing the Retirement of Aurora Township Youth Commission Member, Paul Patricoski

Read by Supervisor Catching, remarks shared.

IX. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION: APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CLERK and PERSONNEL
MATTER per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)

Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Nuñez to go into Executive session, approved by roll call vote:

Yay	Supervisor William Catching	Yay	Trustee Bonnie Kunkel
Yay	Trustee Jerria Donelson	Yay	Trustee Sam Nuñez
Yay	Trustee Dolores Hicks		

Executive Session called to order at 4:48 pm by Supervisor Catching.

X. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Nuñez approved by roll call vote:

Yay	Supervisor William Catching	Yay	Trustee Bonnie Kunkel
Yay	Trustee Jerria Donelson	Yay	Trustee Sam Nuñez
Yay	Trustee Dolores Hicks		

Returned to Open Session at 5:22 pm.

XI. ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution 2025-34 Authorizing the Appointment of a Township Deputy Clerk – Lizbeth Heredia passed by unanimous voice vote.

XII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Juanita Wells thanked the Board of Trustees for approving her appointment to the Aurora Township Senior Referendum Advisory Committee, and expressed support for board agreeing to pass a resolution/ordinance re ICE activity.
- Paul Patricoski thanked the Board of Trustees for recognizing his service as a member of the Youth Commission and as the Township's attorney,

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dec. 16 – Township Senior Drop-In Program Christmas Party, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, 313 Gale Street
- Dec. 27 – Annual Kwanza Celebration hosted by African American Men of Unity, 6:00 – 8:30 pm, Prisco Center

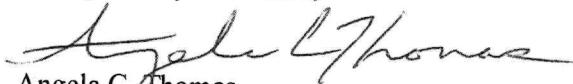
XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, December 22, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Angela C. Thomas
Aurora Township Clerk