

Aurora Township
Board of Trustees Meeting
80 N. Broadway | Aurora, IL
January 22, 2026 | 4:00 pm
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Catching at 4:08 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was led by Supervisor Catching.

III. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Trustee Donelson.

IV. ROLL CALL

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

x Supervisor William Catching	x Trustee Jerria Donelson
Assessor Davis R. Offutt -- ABSENT	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; and members of the public were also in attendance (see attached).

V. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2026

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

The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

VI. TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS

Motion by Supervisor Catching to table Senior Citizens Services Fund invoices until after approval of Resolution 2026-02, **Second** by Trustee Donelson. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

To approve or audit the combined bills for the 1) Town Fund, 2) Road & Bridge Fund, 3) General Assistance Fund, 4) Senior Citizens Services 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 – January 22, 2026

Town Fund	\$ 20,993.13
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 38,718.41
General Assistance Fund	\$ 5,983.40
Senior Citizens Services Fund	\$512,000.00
Town IMRF Fund	\$ 473.31
Town Social Security Fund	\$ 4,901.20
Road & Bridge Social Security Fund	\$ 1,253.10

Road & Bridge IMRF Fund	\$ 120.01
TOTAL of all funds:	\$584,442.56

Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Donelson. The bills were approved by unanimous voice vote.

VII. REPORTS

a. Assessor

A written report covering activity between Jan. 7 - 21, 2026 was provided to the board, which included an article by the McLean County Assessor regarding changes to the senior tax freeze. Kane County Board of Review findings have been received, the Assessor's office will be working to update Aurora Township parcel records.

b. Highway Commissioner

Highlights from a written report covering activity since January 8, 2026: Onboarding of Community Outreach Coordinator, Brian Demeter. Mr. Demeter has started issuing parking warnings, (for vehicles parked on snow routes) with overwhelming compliance so far.

c. Township Supervisor

- Monthly meeting of Washington Neighbors -- City of Aurora Neighborhood Group – attended 1/21.
- Due to forecast of frigid temperatures the Assessors Office scheduled to be closed 1/23; the Township office to remain open for Ride in Kane scheduling.

d. Director of Finance and Administration

2025 w-2 forms prepared for mailing the week of 1/26

e. Kane County Sheriff

No report/representative

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Motion** by Supervisor Catching to approve Resolution 2026-02 Senior Services Grant Funding for the fiscal year 2025-2026 | **Second** by Trustee Hicks

Trustee Kunkel raised concerns about not being able to ask grant applicants questions during the meeting to review applications on 1/12/26 and not receiving written information (FOIA request) on applicants in sufficient time to review prior to the vote on funding. **Motion** to table approval of Resolution 2026-02 by Trustee Kunkel } **Second** by Trustee Donelson. The motion to table failed by voice vote.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-02 Senior Services Grant Funding for the fiscal year 2025-2026 passed by voice vote.

Senior Services Associates	\$285,000
Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry	\$ 95,000
Living Daylight Organization	\$ 70,000

Association for Individual Development	\$ 48,000
ECHO Development Center	\$ 7,000
Grow with GEM	\$ 7,000

- b. **Motion** by Supervisor Catching to approve Senior Citizens Services Fund invoices as presented to the board | **Second** by Trustee Nuñez. The bills were approved by unanimous voice vote.
- c. **Motion** by Supervisor Catching to approve Resolution 2026-03 Transfer of Appropriation – General Assistance (\$8,000 moved to new line item within same fund) | **Second** by Trustee Hicks. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Kunkel called on the board to work on better procedures for evaluating grant applications received by the township.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Marilyn Weisner offered considerations for grant applications, based on her experience as a grant writer/reviewer, for future submissions.
 1. Copies of the grant applications given to all parties who will vote on them
 2. The past amounts received and how they were used
 3. The amount requested and how it would be used
 4. Who is on the board
 5. Who are the employees and how much they are paid; and
 6. Their overall budget
- Dr. Vincent Gaddis acknowledged the commitment of staff and impact in the community of Living Daylight Organization.
- Arlisa Dockery spoke on behalf of ECHO Development Center, highlights the Senior Social Care Program. Briefing packets were provided to the board.
- Chet Donelson spoke about his personal experience with ECHO and the organization's positive impact.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

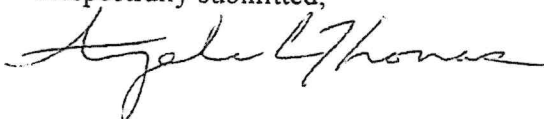
- Feb 7 – Monthly meeting of Northeast Community Group -- City of Aurora Neighborhood Group –8:30 am, Marywood Community Center, 1805 Church Road
- Feb 22 – Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry Fill the Bowls fundraiser, 12:00 – 3:00 pm, Two Brothers Roundhouse, 205 N. Broadway
- Feb 24 – Senior Services Associates Board of Directors Annual Meeting, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm, Elgin Community College
- April 15 – Township Officials of Illinois Lobby Day in Springfield

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Catching | **Second** by Trustee Nuñez
Passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Thursday, February 10, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Angela C. Thomas
Aurora Township Clerk