

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY

AURORA, ILLINOIS

Date: January 13, 2011

Time: 4:00 p.m.

AMENDED MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGENCE

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:

A meeting of the Aurora Township Board of Trustees was held at the Aurora Township office, 80 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday January 13, 2011. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by statute.

Aurora Township Supervisor Christina Campos called the meeting to order. Supervisor Campos led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aurora Township Clerk Herbert Hill did the roll call with the following members present: Bill Catching, Delores Hicks, Christina Campos, David Moore, and John Shoemaker, Highway Commissioner.

Public Present: Please see attached.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
November 23, 2010 and December 16, 2010**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday November 23, 2010, and December 16, 2010 was made by David Moore and seconded by Delores Hicks. Subject to amendment. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

III. APPROVAL AND/OR AUDIT OF TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS

A motion to approve **the Town Bills** in the amount of \$118, 049.32 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$36, 216.48 was made by David Moore with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$24, 419.15 was made by Bill Catching with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **Mental Health Bills** in the amount of \$43, 534.14 was made by David Moore with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A combined motion to approve **the IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$8, 890.33 was made by David Moore and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A combined motion to approve **the SOCIAL SECURITY BILL** and the **ROAD & BRIDGE SOCIAL SECURITY Bill** in the amount of \$6, 225.63 was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor's Report

See Report: Davis Offutt discussed the issue of late billing and how it would be handled
Comptroller discussion of how late billing would be handled.

Mr. Moore suggested that a memo be circulated to advise the Trustees.

Supervisor Campos suggested that the matter be left for discussion for the next board meeting.

2. Roads & Bridges

Highway Commissioner, John Shoemaker

Commissioner Shoemaker expressed that the commission was still waiting on the Ogden Garden project which had been stopped by weather as well as problems involving an abandoned gas line. Expressing that engineering must be redone and that two homes were affected and needed replumbing. Landscaping may help resolve the issue; however, it's still the abandoned gas line issue that hampers progress.

Commissioner Shoemaker advised that the Austin Ave. Bridge project is still in the developmental stage. The problem is IDOT and the Fed working together.

Commissioner Shoemaker explained that we were still one worker down, however, he should be back to work on Monday.

Mr. Shoemaker also explained that the budget for his department should be prepared soon. He is hopeful that it will be consistent with the levy passed.

3. Youth Services Report

Justine Bennett: See report.

Ms. Bennett reported quite extensively on the following areas: Girl Scouts, Christmas Party, Ginger Creek, Winter Coats, Gifts/Grants, Conference, Basketball / Soccer, and Aztec Celebration / Drama Club .

Elected officials present were recognized by Supervisor Campos

V. NEW BUSINESS

Road District Resolution Committing Aurora Township Funds, Resolution 2011-01, Motion to approve Resolution 2011-01 by David Moore and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

Interviews by candidates for Township Trustee.

The following candidates presented their resumes and spoke for three minutes each on their respective qualifications to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Monica Silva:

Jon Aguilar
Jennifer N. Baustain
Hal S. Bebee II
Penny Falcon
Rick Gilbert
Al Heriaud
Robert L. Mitchell
Greg Renaud
Clarence Robinson
Mark Semmler
Leonard Stoecker
Ronald Vann, and
Robert Watermann

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session by David Moore and seconded by Delores Hicks to consider the applicants for Trustee. Motion carried. Roll Call: Catching, Hicks, Campos, Moore voting yes. Meeting adjourned 5:21 p.m. Meeting Reconvened 6:00 p.m. Roll Call: Catching, Hicks, Campos, Moore voting yes.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Appointment of Township Trustee
Roll Call: Catching, Hicks, Campos, Moore voting yes. Mark Semmler voted into office.

Oath of office: Township Clerk Herbert Hill administered oath of office to new Trustee Mark Semmler.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nina Thomas, an applicant for general assistance in the rental program expressed a bad experience in her relationship with Priscilla Legg (Township Case Worker) in her attempted effort to avoid eviction from her apartment. Ms. Thomas related that because of misleading information regarding her assistance either given or withheld lead to her being evicted and as a result she is now homeless.

Jennifer Gunner Laesch wanted to know why was General Assistance billing in certain areas being deleted, and wanted a follow-up to her request. Would seek a FOIA request

Note:

Supervisor Campos had made deletions at the following lines: \$51.00 at 18056 (Comed)
P. 16 Stone Crossing Apts Line 58 & 62

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee David Moore recognized the comments made by Nina Thomas following her conflict with Township certification on her application for general assistance in the rental program and stated that proper procedures were followed by the Township but that problem was caused by the landlord. Mr. Moore would follow up appropriately.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by David Moore and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried and the Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, January 27, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Herbert Hill
Aurora Township Clerk