

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY
AURORA, ILLINOIS
Date January 24, 2013
Time: 4:00 p.m.

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, and Illinois at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2013. 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 called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching, Delores Hicks, Christina Campos, David Moore, and Mark Semmler also Commissioner John Shoemaker and Staff present: Vickie Marques.

Public Present: Please see attached.

Delores Hicks moved to add to new business, discussion of "Ride-in-Kane financial status. Motion seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
January 10, 2013.**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday **January 10, 2013** was made by Christina Campos and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

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

Discussion on "Township Bills". A motion was made to amend and correct p.9 of 16 to reflect \$750.00 as amount of bill for I.W.A.S. A golfer, Inc., amending prior billing amount of \$2,727.50.

A motion to approve **the Town Bills** in the amount of \$109,516.21 was made by Christina Campos with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (With Corrections) (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$12,398.78 was made by Christina Campos with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$8,050.25 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **the COMBINED IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$9,793.91 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **the COMBINED SOCIAL SECURITY BILL** and the **ROAD & BRIDGE SOCIAL SECURITY Bill** in the amount of \$5,746.16 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor's Report

Mr. Offutt submitted a written report consisting of one (1) page. Please see attachment. Mr. Offutt also made explanation for the report.

2. Highway Commissioner's Report

Mr. John Shoemaker reported that the County approved a 25 mph speed limit on all but six (6) Township streets. The approval is to be enacted on April 1, 2013. It should take two (2) weeks to re-post those streets affected. (80 signs @ \$19.00 per sign.

Mr. Shoemaker further explained that his "guys" were indoors all week. Everything else is in good order.

3. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Campos presented reports on "Ride-in-Kane" and General Assistance. See attached.

Supervisor Campos also reported that the "Seniors Luau" at the Youth Center was a positive event with good feed back.

There is also planned a "Valentine's Pot Luck" on February 12, 2013.

Last week monthly outreach program.

3. Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Hector Benavides presented a one (1) page report on the status of code enforcement issues.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Aurora Township Electrical Aggregation Consultant Contract with Progressive Energy Group

Christina Campos presented an updated copy of the electrical Contract with revisions and updates from recommendations from the board.

Youth Center fieldwork drawing is done, and materials have been ordered. Will share with the board when complete.

Mr. Catching asked if a start date has been set, to which Ms. Campos responded no.

NEW BUSINESS

A Proclamation was presented to Ms. Rhonda K. Sleezer, retiring Executive Director of Sunnymere Senior Living Community, and she thanked the board for their recognition, and for all the help that the board has given to the senior community.

A discussion was had of the finances for "Ride-in-Kane".

Delores Hicks raised the issue of the \$400k over expenditure, and asked if it would be appropriate for Sikich to come back.

Mr. Catching stated that we should talk to the Comptroller and if decide if Sikick should return to explain.

Bill Catching expressed the realization that we are over budget by approximately \$300K, and we can't continue to be over budget.

Christina Campos stated that she would talk to the Comptroller and Sikich and come back to the board with an explanation for the next board meeting (February 7, 2013).

Discussion by David Moore on the differential in the "Ride-in-Kane" situation. Essentially, why the ridership continues to go up and the deficits down?

Mr. Catching expressed the view explanation should be made on this disparity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Delores Hicks related that "Line Dancing (and exercising) will be held at the Youth Center beginning 11:am-1pm. Every Monday Everyone's welcome.

Mr. Al Talip commented on the continuing issue of the Indian Ave problem, and what is being done on it.

Christina Campos offered explanation on the issue and Mr. John Shoemaker also explained the efforts of his Department and the conflict with County.

Mr. Talip explained that the problem has been in existence for 12 years and nothing has been done.

Mr. Shoemaker explained that the board must act to provide streets and the Highway Dept. will respond with maintenance. The Highway Dept. is acting within its responsibility and the actions of the board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christina Campos announced the Aurora Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual breakfast at Gas Lite Manor. Judge Renee Cruz will be the Key-Note Speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Christina Campos to adjourn to executive session at 4:35 pm. Motion seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice vote).

Meeting recessed at 4:35 pm.

A motion to reconvene to regular meeting was made by Christina Campos and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried (Voice vote). Meeting reconvened at 5:30 pm.

A motion to adjourn regular meeting was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried (Voice vote). Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

VII. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, February ~~7~~¹⁴, 2013 at 4:00 p.m., at the Aurora Township Offices.

Respectfully Submitted,


Herbert Hill

Aurora Township Clerk