

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

AURORA, ILLINOIS

Date: January 27, 2011

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, Illinois at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday January 27, 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, Mark Semmler, and John Shoemaker, Highway Commissioner.

Public Present: Please see attached.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
January 13, 2011**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday January 13, 2011 was made by Bill Catching and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried, subject to amendment. (Voice Vote)

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

A motion to approve **the Town Bills** in the amount of \$66, 883.53 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$56, 615.05 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$7, 138.45 was made by Bill Catching 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 \$9, 338.60 was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A combined motion to approve **the SOCIAL SECURITY BILL** and the **ROAD & BRIDGE SOCIAL SECURITY Bill** in the amount of \$5, 646.57 was made by Bill Catching and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **JOINT BRIDGE Bills** in the amount of \$14, 833.00 was made by Bill Catching with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor's Report

See Report: Attached.

2. Roads & Bridges

Highway Commissioner, John Shoemaker

Commissioner John Shoemaker reported that A.T.H.D. web site has been set up.

The gate at front entrance will be upgraded to meet OSHA compliance.

Putting in physical meter to meet grant requirements.

Commissioner Shoemaker reported that the Recycling project is being investigated to take in prescription medication bottles.

The department's budget should be in by the next meeting (2/10/11).

Commissioner Shoemaker also stated that the department was changing the cell phone service and that the service will be expanded.

Salt bids were confirmed as less than in past years, and that the department would probably be purchasing on 80% of need.

3. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Campos reported that "Ride in Kane" program received 57 new registrants.

Visiting Nurses will be coming to implement program on "bullying". March 2011.

Supervisor Campos explained that a schedule of the Aurora Township Board of Trustees meetings for 2011 was published in the Aurora Beacon News on December 23, 2010.

Supervisor Campos also explained that for the past two weeks we have received FOIA requests including a request for invoices for the past year.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Supervisor Campos introduced Mr. William Hamilton, Senior Account Executive Voice and Data Systems Group for Sound Incorporated who presented Brochures and explained the new telephone system that will replace the old system that has been in place since 1991. Mr. Hamilton introduced the Sound Incorporated integrated system including its agreement with the Township. Mr. Hamilton showed a sample phone and explained its usage, costs, warranty and maintenance agreement.

Renee Williams provided input on phone usage and relied upon Mr. Hamilton to explain the need for change.

B. Supervisor Campos introduced a draft proposal for Aurora Township Board Rules as a tool for meetings, agenda's etc. The proposal was submitted for review and discussion by the Trustees for later meetings. Trustee Catching questioned whether the proposed rule could supersede State Rules.

Atty. Edwin Trinta advised that the Township does possess the authority and power to draft its own rules and regulations regarding its meetings.

Trustee Catching expressed that the Township should provide the ability of the public to engage in discussions.

Trustee Hicks also discussed exchanges by the public without comment by the trustees, stating that this situation creates the wrong impression.

The proposed rules were tabled for discussion by the full board.

Patty Richardson explained that the proposed rules were similar to a proposal submitted for approval in 2008 before the previous board. Those rules were tabled and were never voted upon.

C. Supervisor Campos also presented a draft proposal for Aurora Township Financial Transaction Review Procedures. This draft was tabled for review and discussion among the trustee's at a later meeting.

Supervisor Campos discussed the need for a change in the Townships "funding locations", since banking issues arouse regarding the status of "Old Second Banks" capitalization. Supervisor Campos stated that she expects presentations by banks over the next month. Stability because of present banking issues dictates that the Township have choices of bank services. Since Old Second is in distress the issue is whether to move existing accounts there, to other banks or to change the character of the accounts, from interest bearing to non interest bearing, etc.

Atty. Edwin Trinta suggested that a motion be made immediately to add other banks to the approved list so that immediate action can be made ASAP. Since Harris, Old Second, and Bank of Montgomery were already on the existing approved list, the Bank of America should be added.

A motion was made by Bill Catching to add Bank of America, second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice vote). Discussion by Bill Catching. Since Old Second was in trouble time is of the essence to move on this issue.

Public Comments:

Patty Richardson advised and presented resolution 2002-13 showing a list of approved banks.
VII. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION to consider discipline of specific employees and probable litigation.

A motion was made to enter into executive session by Bill Catching, seconded by Delores Hicks. Roll Call: Catching, Hicks, Campos and Semmler voting yes. Meeting closed at 5:20 p.m.

VIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION; Roll Call: Catching, Hicks, Campos and Semmler voting yes. Meeting Reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Catching and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried and the Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, February 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Herbert Hill
Aurora Township Clerk