

**AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
80 NORTH BROADWAY
AURORA, IL 60505**

**MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING**

- I. Township Supervisor Annie Craig called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. She then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board of Trustees members were present: Christina Campos, and John Shoemaker, Dr. Monica Silva. Also present: Highway Commissioner Fred Burgess and Assessor Davis Offut. **Staff Present:** Frank Paull, Justine Bennett, and Clarence Robinson.

- II. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSEES MEETING ON DECEMBER 11, 2008.**
 1. There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Campos to approve the Board of Trustee regular meeting minutes from December 11, 2008. Motion carried by voice vote.

- III. **APPROVAL AND/OR AUDIT OF TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS**
 1. There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Campos to approve Town bills in the amount of **\$59, 072.39**. After a discussion for clarification of certain line items, motion carried by voice vote.
 2. There was a motion by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker to audit Road & Bridge bills of **\$39,310.33** Motion carried by voice vote.
 3. There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Campos to audit General Assistance bills of **\$8,245.37**. Motion carried by voice vote.
 4. There was a motion by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Silva to audit and approve Township Payroll bills. These bills include **IMRF: \$6,177.75; SOCIAL SECCURITY \$4,561.73; R & B SOCIAL SECURITY 1,395.78; R & B IMRF \$2,081.89**. Motion carried by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor Davis Offut submitted a written report along with his proposed budget.
2. Highway Commissioner Burgess reported on the impact of the poor weather on his department issues; end-loader is being serviced.
3. Clarence Robinson reported on the senior dinners' delivery during the holidays. Over 600 dinners were delivered to seniors.
4. The Youth Department Director, Justine Bennett, submitted a written report and highlighted the Christmas party held on December 23rd and that because of the weather turnout was lower than expected.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee John Shoemaker nominated Archie Needam to fill the vacancy of Trustee vacated by former Trustee Annie Craig on December 4, 2008. Mr. Needam highlighted his background and experience in the local community. 4 Yes; 0 No.

Clerk Thomas administered the oath to Archie Needam and he was then duly seated as a member of the Aurora Township Board of Trustees.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Larry Quick presented a detailed report on the Clean Election Act. He requested that a referendum be placed on the April 2009 ballot for public financing of state elections. Clerk Thomas will advise the board on the proper process for placing an advisory referendum on the April 2009 ballot by for the next meeting.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Craig advised the Board at to the date and time of the Democratic and Republican Caucuses:

The Democratic Caucus will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at the Plumber's and Pipefitters Banquet Hall, 1295 Butterfield Road, Aurora, IL at 7:00 pm. If you should have any questions call Alex Arroyo, Chairman, Aurora Township Democrats at (630) 240-8587.

The Republican Caucus will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at the Gaslight Banquets, 2485 Church Road, Aurora, IL at 6:30 pm. If

you should have any questions call Bill Wyatt, Chairman, Aurora Township Republican at 630-862-4414.

Jesus Sanchez owner of La Quinta Restaurant addressed his concerns about the parking issues in the Aurora Township parking lot. Many of his customers park in the Aurora Township parking lot and many have been towed.

There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Silva to authorize the Township Supervisor to enter into an agreement with La Quinta Restaurant regarding parking spaces in the Aurora Township parking lot. Motion passed by voice vote.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. ADJOURMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker. The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 4:00pm in the Township office.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan R. Thomas
Aurora Township Clerk