

AURORA TOWNSHIP
AMENDED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY

AURORA, ILLINOIS

Date: October 14, 2010

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 October 14, 2010. 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, Monica Silva and John Shoemaker, Highway Commissioner.

Public Present: Please see attached.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
September 23, 2010**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday September 23, 2010 was made by David Moore and seconded by Monica Silva. 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 \$173, 302.51 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by Monica Silva. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$21, 857.50 was made by Monica Silva with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$14,022.82 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **COMBINED IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$14, 601.92 was made by Monica Silva and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **COMBINED SOCIAL SECURITY BILL** and the **ROAD & BRIDGE SOCIAL SECURITY Bill** in the amount of \$11, 003.24 was made by David Moore and seconded by Monica Silva. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peggy Hicks suggested that the “Public Comments” section of the Township Meetings Agenda should be reconsidered and rearranged toward the conclusion of the “Agenda” or after “New Business” has been discussed to accommodate any accountability concerns that citizens may have relating to the business of the Township as discussed.

Ms. Hicks also expressed appreciation of the work of Justine Bennett, Township Youth Commission, and hoped that she will be allowed to continue on with her good work.

Ed Schmidt presented the Trustees with pictures of properties within the community (with their addresses), depicting various areas of debris and garbage in and around the properties.

Picture #3 is particularly offensive since it appears to be a “flop-house” where many questionable and obviously illegal activities are taking place. The property address is 911 N. Marywood, and has shown to be a continuous nuisance for the previous 10 years.

Explanations as to the nuisances of each pictured property were given by Mr. Schmidt.

Mr. Schmidt questioned drug issues relating to usage of the property at 911 N. Marywood, and has advised the Kane County Sheriff has been made aware of the issues presented. This property has been “tagged”, and would like further and greater code enforcement by the Sheriff and the City.

Trustee Monica Silva suggest a greater and more responsive “code enforcement” by the system that is already in place to insure compliance. Since code enforcement is lacking the responsibility should be placed with the County to obtain compliance.

Supervisor Campos would seek working with the Sheriff and shared costs if the City is compelled to expend effort in the clean-up.

Trustee Moore expressed exasperation since the properties have been “tagged”. There is a total lack of responsibility by the homeowners and there is also a lack of enforcement by the County and law enforcement should be systemic. An explanation of the nuisance of these properties for a 10 year period suggests failures of law enforcement.

The Township attorney explained the joint responsibility of the Township and other agencies bringing the properties into compliance.

Trustee’s Silva and Moore suggested sending Hector to investigate the properties and take steps to attempt to alleviate the nuisance by compliance.

Supervisor Campos thank Ed Schmidt for bring the properties to the attention of the Board and promised a follow through.

The Township attorney advised that some of the properties have been addressed by the Township and legal issues are being addressed and will be seeking shared payment from the tenants

V. REPORTS

1. Assessor's Report

Davis Offutt provided a written Report. See attached. Mr. Offutt also explained that his office submitted assessment books on October 1, 2010.

2. Roads & Bridges

Highway Commissioner, John Shoemaker

Commissioner Shoemaker explained that brush pick-up will begin October 18, 2010, and that his office is still doing total patching. The Ogden Garden project will start October 19, 2010. The Commission is anticipating a check for \$12, 000 for the Ogden Garden Project.

The recycling program is in full place.

3. Youth Services Report

Justine Bennett

See extensive report.

Trustee Moore attended a Youth Commission meeting on September 22, 2010 and was impressed with the Youth Department doing and excellent job with the assets available to it. Many thanks to Justine Bennett.

Supervisor also expressed appreciation to Vickie Marques for her consistent help and assistance.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Township Officials of Kane County Meeting , October 20, 2010 at Lincoln Inn, Batavia, IL.
2. Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop hosted by Aurora Township and Rush Copley at Aurora Township Youth & Community Center, October 18 and 19, 2010.
3. Aurora Township Youth Programs Sponsor Brunch, October 23, 2010 at Aurora Round House Banquets.

4. Supervisor Campos went to Golden Kiwanis to do a presentation on Ride In Kane and on the program services.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by David Moore and seconded by Monica Silva. Motion carried and the Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, October 28, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Herbert Hill
Aurora Township Clerk