

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY
AURORA, ILLINOIS
Date: October 27, 2011
Time: 4:00 p.m.
AMENDED MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGEANCE

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 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, David Moore and Mark Semmler.

Public Present: Please see attached.

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

A motion to approve the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday **October 13, 2011** was made by Bill Catching and seconded by David Moore. 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 \$65, 699.16 was made by David Moore with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$83, 600.36 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$11, 777.34 was made by David Moore 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, 388.12 was made by Bill Catching and seconded by David Moore 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, 874.05 was made by David Moore and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **Mental Health Bills** in the amount of \$67, 633.44 was made by Bill Catching with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor's Report

Mr. Offutt submitted a written report. Please see attachment.

Mr. Offutt's report was essentially the same as his written report, stating that his office has completed all assessments.

Mr. Offutt also stated that the Equalization Factor for Aurora Township is 1.0370.

Kane County letters to Aurora Township property owners that have had an assessment change by this office will be dated October 19, 2011, and mailed.

The publication in the Beacon News of the new Equalized Assessed Valuation will be October 22, 2011. The filing dead line complaints will be November 28, 2011.

Mr. Offutt stated that carpet installation for the second floor of the Township building is just about complete.

Also attached to Mr. Offutt's report was a copy of the Assessor's Office's Time Sheet which was explained by Mr. Offutt.

2. Highway Commissioner's Report

John Shoemaker related that the brush pick-up has been completed, and everything went well.

The department is in the process of repairing pot holes. Presently repairing Austin Ave and Mountain St. There is an existing issue with the City (Aurora), which was explained and there is no present resolution. The City has resolved the lighting issue and has agreed to put up lights. Other issues however, remain to be resolved. The issues seem to be jurisdictional ones relating to patching the borders between the Township and the City. Everything else is going OK.

Plows will go out after Veterans Day.

3. Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Hector Benavidez presented a two (2) page print-out of pending cases showing properties in compliance and other listings, as well as abatements.

Mr. Benavidez also expressed appreciation to High Way Commissioner Shoemaker for his assistance on the issue of "dumping" below the Farnsworth Bridge. The issue is now in the City's hands.

The Highway Dept also removed the tree at the north end of the Township parking lot.

4. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Campos explained and submitted the monthly General Assistance Financial Report.

Supervisor Campos related that the "Ride in Kane" program is continuing to grow 98 and received 38 new clients at by the end of the month.

Supervisor Campos explained that the Township was partnership with Main Baptist in providing "sit-down dinners" for a "Community Thanksgiving Celebration", for disadvantaged families, Wednesday Nov. 23, 2011. Dinner "options" are presented in the attached brochure. RSVP by October 30, 2011. The Townships roll will be in providing transportation, and is seeking volunteers.

Registration will be at Main Baptist and the Township.

Supervisor Campos also advised that the "truth in tax" (Nov. 22, 2011), will not be entertaining a hearing. It will be presented to the board for approval.

Ms. Campos also expressed that a letter was presented to the board and Hector (Benavidez) from an 85 year old senior citizen thanking him for the services provided by the "lawn crew". "Those services were greatly appreciated by the seniors.

Mr. Moore questioned whether snow removal will also be provided to seniors.
Mr. Benavidez stated that it would not be provided.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Christina Campos presented a motion for approval of auto pay vendors for the Highway Department. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

See attached three (3) page report by Commissioner John Shoemaker

Supervisor Campos also reported on the status of Youth Center vehicles, presenting a print-out showing the type's of vehicles, the year, make, approximate value, mileage and remarks on the status of the vehicles. The list was composed by Justine Bennett and Hector Benavidez.

In connection with the issue of acquiring "other vehicles", Commissioner Shoemaker related that his dept was willing to "retire" the "white truck" for use at the Township. The only question with the vehicle was equipment, in that it lacked seatbelts. Mr. Shoemaker stated that his dept wanted to replace the truck with a smaller vehicle, and did not need a "pick-up" for investigating cites. It would be more economical to use a smaller vehicle.

Vickie Marquez also spoke about the status of vehicles being used by the Youth Center. See Report. She explained that many of the buses are in need of service and repair. Ms. Marquez explained that the Center is down to one (1) partially serviceable bus, and is in desperate need of a back-up vehicle.

With transportation issues considering a school bus for 60 kids, middle bus for 30 kids. There is also a Kiac Bus that needs transmission work.

Supervisor Campos stated that the vehicle needs should be narrowed down for repair within the budget.

Vickie Marquez stated that the Center (Youth) needs another bus (mid level bus) and a van capable of carrying 66-72 passengers.

Mr. Moore questioned why the Township should keep vehicles that are in constant need of repair. He suggested that Hector, Justine and the Supervisor confer on putting together a list of alternatives.

Mr. Moore then made a motion that Vickie Marquez confer with Justine Bennett and Hector Benavidez and present to the board a list on the status of the vehicles and replacement plans.

Vickie explained that the issue was not safety checks but transportation if a bus breaks down.

Motion by Mr. Moore was seconded by Bill Catching, and roll call voting carried. All voting YES for presentment to the board on November 10, 2011.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peggy Hicks questioned whether the DHS funds that were eliminated will be restored. (\$15,000)

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. TOI Annual Educational Conference, November 6-8, 2011 in Springfield, IL.
2. Foundation for Aurora Township Senior and Youth Services fundraiser at Buffalo Wings, 1460 N. Orchard Rd. Aurora, IL 60504 on Monday Nov. 14, 2011.
3. Bountiful Blessings Food Pantry – Aurora Township Food Drive, Nov 1-22, 2011.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Bill Catching and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried (Voice vote), and the Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Bill Catching to close executive meeting and reconvene to regular session and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried (Voice Vote). Executive Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried (Voice vote), and the Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

IX. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, November 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Herbert Hill

Aurora Township Clerk