

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

Date: November 10, 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, November 10, 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 27, 2011.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday **October 27, 2011** was made by Bill Catching and seconded by Delores Hicks. 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 \$54, 867.33 was made by Bill Catching with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. Roll call – Christina Campos – voting NO, all other Trustees voting YES

Bill Catching and Delores Hicks questioned why Supervisor Campos voted NO on her on bills that she presented. What was the purpose?

Christina Campos responded that "I just wanted to vote no"! – Without further explanation.

A motion to approve the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$12, 993.32 was made by Bill Catching with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$6, 446.81 was made by Bill Catching with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. Roll call – All Trustee’s voting YES

A motion to approve **the COMBINED IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$8, 824.29 was made by David Moore 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, 567.60 was made by Bill Catching and seconded by Delores Hicks.
Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor’s Report

Mr. Offutt submitted a written three (3) page 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 28, 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 complete.

Also attached to Mr. Offutt’s report was a copy of a letter from East Aurora School District 131, Mr. Clayton Muhammad, thanking Mr. Offutt for his “generous” computer donation to the school district. See attached

2. Highway Commissioner’s Report

John Shoemaker submitted a written report seeking information on eight (8) items necessary for its “requested investigation of the Ride-in-Kane program”, and Mr. Shoemaker welcomed any further impute.

Mr. Shoemaker also advised that the new plow truck was scheduled for the Monday following Thanksgiving.

Everything else appears to be prepared for winter service.

The Ride-in-Kane report to the board will be in the 1st of December, 2011, with a report to the board the 1st of January 2012.

3. Youth Services Director's Report

Justine Bennett submitted a written report. See attached.

Ms. Bennett's report outlines various activities, including: Halloween Party (October 28, 2011, with a 90% participation rate), Boy Scouts, seniors, Behavior Management Workshop, Breast Cancer Awareness, and AAMOU information.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Youth Center Vehicles Status Report

Report prepared by Vickie Marques attached – main focus of report was mini buses.

The report is extensive and involves (pictures) vehicle types, makes, models, year, mileage and costs, and their availability and location within Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. The listed vehicles also show capacity, plus handicap capacities.

The report also shows Youth Center Vehicles, and surplus vehicles for bid. Notice will be published Nov. 14/15 in the Beacon News, and posted at Youth Center. Bids will be open on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at the regular Board Meeting.

Bill Catching questioned why are we talking about buying busses that need inspections? Don't we have monies to buy a new bus, if needed?

Vickie Marques responded that without knowing the budget, she prepared as much information as possible on available busses, both new and used.

Delores Hicks questioned why old busses with used busses?

David Moore asked for the needs of the Township and costs.

Justine Bennett explained that the need was for a Mini Van, and a mid size Van.

David Moore speculated that \$80,000 would replace the vehicle needed, and commended Vickie Marques for her meticulous report.

Vickie Marques explained that if one of our vehicles broke down we could use "Ride-in-Kane vehicles.

Justine Bennett was in agreement.

Supervisor Campos explained that the finance report shows that we can purchase one (1) vehicle by the end of the year.

Bill Catching stated that he would assist in a plan for replacement of the vehicles, adding that in the future, we should plan in the budget to replace vehicles, because such a line in the present budget does not exist.

A Motion was made by Christina Campos to declare a surplus of equipment, (1992 – gold Oldsmobile seconded by David Moore. See above.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Christina Campos presented a motion for approval of Resolution 2011-14 regarding Township Hiring and Termination practices of employees, Motion seconded by David Moore. Roll call – all Trustees voting YES

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peggy Hicks questioned what the dismissal policy of the Township, and since her initial question was presented to the board and no responded to she again raised this issue. Her concern was in the disparity and racially in employee performances, and specifically of the employee that was terminated unfairly.

Ms. Hicks stated the she will organize to pursue an internal audit. Please answer the question presented. The public needs to be aware of the policies that the board is not following.

Betty Lambert wanted to know “why I was wrongfully terminated by this Township Supervisor”?

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

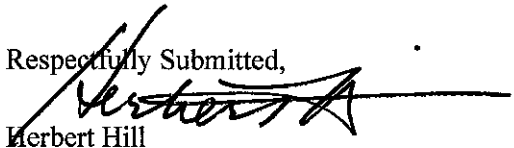
Foundation for Aurora Township Senior and Youth Services fundraiser at Buffalo Wings, 1460 N. Orchard Rd. Aurora, IL 60504 on Monday Nov. 14, 2011.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by Mark Semmler. Roll call – All Trustees voting YES. Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

IX. NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, November 22, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Herbert Hill

Aurora Township Clerk