

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

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

- I. Township Supervisor Christina Campos called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Trustee Moore led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Trustees Bill Catching, Delores Hicks, David Moore, Dr. Monica Silva, and Supervisor Christina Campos.

Officials Present: Clerk Archie Needam, Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker, and Assessor Davis Offutt.

Staff Present: Justine Bennett, Vicki Marquez, and John Aguilar.

Public Present: See Attached List.

II. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING ON OCTOBER 22, 2009.**

1. There was a motion by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Board of Trustees minutes from October 22, 2009. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

1. There was a motion by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Hicks to approve the **Township bills in the amount of \$98,157.47**. After a discussion and clarification of certain line items, motion carried by voice vote.
2. There was a motion by Trustee Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to audit **Road/Bridge bills of \$68,472.97**. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. There was a motion by Trustee Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to audit **General Assistance bills of \$14,367.93**. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. There was a motion by Trustee Catching and seconded by Trustee Silva to audit **Mental Health bills of \$31,559.93**. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. There was a motion by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Moore to audit and approve Township Payroll bills: **I.M.R.F. Fund -- \$5,279.72 and Social Security Fund -- \$4,403.96**. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. There was a motion by Trustee Catching and seconded by Trustee Silva to audit and approve **R&B Social Security \$765.49 and R&B I.M.R.F. \$1,142.64**. Motion carried by voice vote.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. REPORTS

1. Assessor Davis Offutt submitted a written report and discussed the following point: of the 39,397 parcels in Aurora Township, 31,142 or 79.05% were valued to the current market value indications. See report for details.
2. Highway Commissioner Shoemaker talked about the following points of interest:
 - a. Preparing equipment, etc. for winter weather.
 - b. New winter jackets for the outdoor workers.
 - c. Austin Avenue Project.
 - d. Review road course for drivers.
 - e. Continue ongoing projects.
3. Youth Department Director Justine Bennett submitted a written report and was present for any questions. She did highlight the following upcoming events and services of the Youth Center.
 - a. Senior Luncheon on October 27, 2009.
 - b. Halloween Party was a success (60 children).
 - c. Aurora Township Youth Services partnered with Triple Threat and Chicago's "Girls in the Game" to provide a "Fun Day" at the Vaughan Center (15 girls participated).
 - d. Teenagers from Fox tech will be working at the Youth Center once a week throughout the school year.

Justine also discussed Community Service Ranking Program, Senior Computer Classes and the Hispanic Fiesta. See report for more details.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ryan Dowd, Executive Director of Hesed House, addressed the Board after his introduction by Supervisor Campos. Ryan highlighted and discussed the following:
 - a. Ryan thanked the Township for their continued financial support and working relationship.
 - b. Hesed House –emergency shelter for the homeless, serving all aspects of this population.
 - c. Hesed House works with other agencies.
 - d. The new building will provide offices for Case Managers, Job Counselors, and others to offer more services.
 - e. Plans to integrate the services provided by Carpenter’s Place into the Hesed House programs and goals.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Supervisor Campos, Trustee Delores Hicks, and Clerk Archie Needam attended the Township Officials of Illinois Convention held in Springfield, Illinois on November 8-10, 2009.
2. Senior citizens will travel to Springfield, Illinois on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. Trustee Delores Hicks will join the group.
3. The 2009 Youth Organizer Award was presented to Aurora Township Youth Services by the Association of Illinois Township Committee on youth. Congratulations to Justine Bennett and Vicki Marquez for the great job they are doing with the youth at our center.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

1. There was a motion made by Trustee Moore and Trustee Silva to go into closed session.
 - a. Yes: Campos, Catching, Hicks, Moore, Silva
 - b. Nays: None
 - c. Motion carried, 5-0
2. The Board adjourned to closed session at 4:35 p.m.

X. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

1. The Board reconvened in open session at 4:55 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

1. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Township office.

Respectfully submitted,

Archie Needam
Aurora Township Clerk