

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

AURORA, ILLINOIS

Date: November 23, 2010

Time: 4:00 p.m.

AMENDED 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 November 23, 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, Monica Silva, David Moore, and John Shoemaker, Highway Commissioner.

Public Present: Please see attached.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
November 10, 2010**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday November 10, 2010 was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by Monica Silva. Subject to amendment. 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 \$35, 584.46 was made by Monica Silva with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$21,521.03 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 \$12, 047.85 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by Monica Silva. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A combined motion to approve **the IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$7, 213.09 was made by Monica Silva and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A combined motion to approve **the SOCIAL SECURITY BILL** and the **ROAD & BRIDGE SOCIAL SECURITY Bill** in the amount of \$5, 217.40 was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by Monica Silva. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Virus submitted her resume in application to fill the vacancy of Monica Silva...

V. REPORTS

1. Assessor's Report

See Report: Assessment appeals from property owners are being received and researched for their fair cash value. Deadline for appeals to be filed is December 6, 2010.

2. Roads & Bridges

Highway Commissioner, John Shoemaker

Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker announced the arrival of new baby.

Commissioner Shoemaker advised the Highway Dept won the Aurora Regional Highway award.

Commissioner Shoemaker related that the Ogden Garden project was on hold pending repair of a gas line problem, and that the project will go forward shortly.

Commissioner Shoemaker related that the second turbine was up and was not connected as of yet. Shoemaker stated that the department was ready for snow.

3. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Campos reported that General Assistance was continues to grow. Reporting 38 clients.

Supervisor Campos explained that 2,000 clients registered for rides, and explained scheduling for rides: Seven buses for rides starting at 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and 8:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m. runs. Township drivers were busy from sites to site. The Township was receiving good feed-back from drivers. The average service for drivers was 15 years per driver, and each was providing good service.

Supervisor Campos advised that badges with picture will be provided for drivers. Supervisor Campos explained the qualifications for drivers, including criminal and drug history requirements by the Township and PACE, and also explained that 3-4 week training was in place by PACE.

Supervisor Campos also explained problems with dispatchers and breaks by drivers because of client needs for dialysis

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Personal Vehicles used for Township Business / TOIRMA liability coverage discussed. Supervisor Campos proposed to the board that there be a six (6) month check to see if insurance information (on the use of personal cars for township bus.) is up to date and what is covered in those situations.

HR will follow up with employees to see if policies are in place before expiration periods.

Delores Hicks proposed that a memo to employees to remind them of the issue of coverage.

Supervisor Campos related that the Audit was completed and that Brian will come to present it to the board within the next 10-12 days.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Campos presented Mark VanKerkhoff, from Kane County Development and Community Services, who presented and explained the attached "Phone Directory" of Governmental Services. See attached. In addition to the services listed, Mr. VanKerkhoff also explained a new service within the county health department : "Childhood Obesity Problems", citing a need for proper foods and healthier environments.

Mr. VanKerkhoff also explained a property compliance procedure in zoning violations that is presented before an informal administrative regulatory body that avoids the judicial process.

Monica Silva discussed the Administrative hearings affecting Township properties in distress, and advised that the county will work with property maintenance issues with the Township. Properties with nuisance issues can be directed to Hector and the Highway dept and to the county to correct them, if not resolved, then the property will be cited for adjudication.

Complaint initiation will be done through the county, and/or through the Sheriff for case work-up, and then through hearings in the administrative process.

Tax Levy - 2011-2012

Supervisor Campos explained the 2010 extension setting forth two (2) proposals: Option #1 and Option #2. See attached. Both proposals were given to the Trustees for their review for further discussion.

Trustee David Moore stated that he prefers Option #2 because of the status of the present economy.

Trustee Bill Catching expressed concern about increases to meet the needs of General Assistance and would like to see something distinguishing this levy from past years.

Trustee Monica Silva explained that since services are needed (stressed) the Township should continue to provide funding for services the general assistance especially mental health.

Supervisor Campos advised the Trustee's to review both proposed levies and come back for further discussion.

The resignation of Trustee Monica Silva left the meeting with deep emotional feeling. Ms. Silva spoke emotionally about the privilege to have served this on this board for the past two years, explaining that she will be resigning to assume duties of being newly elected to the County Board.

Supervisor Campos expressed that Trustee Silva will be missed because of the substance that she brought to the Township.

Trustee Silva spoke to issues brought by Mark VanKerhoff regarding needs that could be provided by the County re: nuisance properties previously presented.

Trustee Moore expressed great satisfaction in working with Ms. Silva, offered his congratulations upon her election to County Office, and expressed his hope she will continue to serve the public need.

Trustee Silva's official letter of resignation will come. 60 days to fill her position.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Success Workshops December 7th and 9th, 2010 from 10:00 until 12:00 p.m., Aurora Youth Center. Workshops presented by Office Team and Benchmark in partnership with Aurora Township.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

X.

A motion to adjourn was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by Monica Silva. Motion carried and the Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, December 16, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Herbert Hill
Aurora Township Clerk

