

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

**MINUTES OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING**

I. Supervisor Jim Murphy called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. He then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board of Trustees members were present: Annie Craig, and John Shoemaker, Dr. Monica Silva. Also present: Highway Commissioner Fred Burgess. **Staff Present:** Frank Paull, Ismael Espiricueta, Clarence Robinson. **Absent:** Christina Campos. **Also present:** Jerry Murphy.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING ON OCTOBER 25, 2007.**

1. There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Craig to approve the Board of Trustee regular meeting minutes as amended from October 25, 2007. 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 Craig to approve Town bills in the amount of **\$61,122.59**. After a discussion for clarification of certain line items, motion carried by voice vote.
2. There was a motion by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker to audit Road & Bridge bills of **\$74,968.39**. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. There was a motion by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Silva to audit General Assistance bills of **\$5,387.53**. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Craig to audit and approve Township Payroll bills. These bills include **IMRF: \$4,723.75; SOCIAL SECURITY \$4,253.73; R & B SOCIAL SECURITY \$691.16; R & B IMRF \$899.72**. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. There was a motion by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker to approve **CDAP** bills of **\$1,345.46**. Motion carried by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

1. The Youth Department submitted a written report and Ismael Espiricueta highlighted several sections of this report. Mr. Espiricueta noted the Township's participation in the City of Aurora's gang prevention program that is being lead by Northern Illinois University. Clarence Robinson noted that the paint work at the Youth Center is complete and work on the roof will begin this coming weekend.
2. Highway Commissioner Burgess reported on the work on the Plain Avenue culvert has been shut down because of an interfacing problem; equipment maintenance is being completed to prepare for the winter season; Department staff have been completing distant learning classes on disaster relief; All IGA have been canceled with the Illinois Toll way Authority regarding bridges in the Township.
3. Assessor Davis Offutt submitted a written report.

V. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Murphy lead the in a lengthy discussion regarding the Town Levy for 2007. There will be a 4.5% (\$140,000.00) increase next year that will be distributed in the following manner:
 - A. Mental Health: \$25,280.00 (2.5% increase)
 - B. Social Security: \$4,720.00
 - C. General Assistance: \$30,000.00 of the increase
 - D. Senior Division: \$40,000.00 for Dial-A-Ride
 - E. Youth Division: \$40,000.00

Jerry Murphy Executive Director of the 708 Inc. addressed the Board as to why he believes the Mental Health fund should receive more than just a 2.5% increase. He noted that with the population increase in the service area of the Township and the increase with the number of people his agency has to serve that the 2.5% would only cover the cost of inflation. He distributed a letter from his board President regarding the same with the Board's consent to make the letter part of the minutes. He also distributed a levy worksheet regarding the financial history of the levy and the Township's allocation to the Mental Health fund.

Trustee Shoemaker officially requested that the Township Assessor provided the Board with information regarding the depreciation of property value within the Township.

There was a motion made by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Craig to approve Aurora Township 2007 Road and Bridge Levy Ordinance Resolution # 11. A roll call vote was taken with 4 yes and 0 no. Motion carried.

There was a motion made by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker to go into executive session to discuss and review executive session meeting minutes from previous meetings. A roll call vote was taken with 4 yes and 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 5:08pm.

The Board came out of executive session at 5:23pm.

There was a motion made by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker to approve and keep closed executive session meeting minutes from previous meetings held on July 26, 2007, September 27, 2007, and October 25, 2007. Motion carried by voice vote.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Silva. The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 4:00pm in the Township office.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan R. Thomas
Aurora Township Clerk

