

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

DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2012

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

**I. CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A meeting of the Aurora Township Board of Trustees was held at the Aurora Township office, 80 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2012. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by statute.

Supervisor Christina Campos called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Supervisor Campos to appoint Patricia Richardson as Clerk Pro Tem. Seconded by Trustee Bill Catching. Motion carried by voice vote.

Roll Call was taken by Clerk Pro Tem Richardson. Present were Trustee Bill Catching, Trustee Dolores Hicks, Supervisor Christina Campos, Trustee David Moore, Trustee Mark Semmler. Also present were Aurora Township Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker and Aurora Township staff members: Barbara Jacklow and Patricia Richardson. Absent were Clerk Herbert Hill and Assessor Davis Offutt.

Public present: See attached Attendance Sheet

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
October 25, 2012**

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2012 Board Meeting was made by Supervisor Campos. Seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Campos to approve the **Town Bills** in the amount of \$100,321.78. Motion seconded by Trustee Catching. Motion to approve Town bills carried by voice vote.

A motion was made by Supervisor Campos to approve **Road & Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$18,786.06. Motion seconded by Trustee Catching. Motion to approve Road and Bridge Bills carried by voice vote.

A motion was made by Supervisor Campos to approve the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$6,243.42. Motion seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion to approve General Assistance bills carried by voice vote.

A combined motion was made by Supervisor Campos to approve the **IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF Bills** in the amount of \$20,078.51. Motion seconded by Trustee Catching. Motion to approve IMRF and Road & Bridge IMRF bills carried by voice vote.

A combined motion was made by Supervisor Campos to approve the **Social Security and the Road & Bridge Social Security Bills** in the amount of \$11,639.47. Motion seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion to approve Social Security and Road & Bridge Social Security bills carried by voice vote.

A motion was made by Supervisor Campos to approve **Equipment Building Bills** in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion seconded by Trustee Catching. Motion to approve Equipment Building bills carried by voice vote.

A motion was made by Supervisor Campos to approve **Joint Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$207.49. Motion seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion to approve Joint Bridge Bills carried by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

A. Assessor's Report

Assessor Davis Offutt prepared a written report for the Board.

B. Highway Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Shoemaker reported the South Farnsworth bridge patching is done. He is in the process of transitioning equipment to winter.

The underground work on Pasedena is completed. This project was done to reduce flooding in the area.

Commissioner Shoemaker met with the Illinois Route 30 Corridor Expansion Committee to discuss the Route 47 and Route 31 expansion program.

C. Youth Services Director's Report

Discussion was tabled until Vicki Marques was present.

D. Committee Reports

Inc Board: Trustee Moore stated the next Inc Board meeting will be in the spring.

Youth Commission: No report

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Center Facility Rental Policy and Procedures was discussed. Supervisor Campos commented on the need for this policy to be put in place to address liability issues related to outside organizations that use the facility. TOIRMA representatives will need to review the policy once it is approved by the Board. Supervisor Campos requested that all Trustees put their concerns regarding the policy in writing so changes can be incorporated into the next draft of the policy.

A motion was made by Trustee Catching to table the discussion of the Community Center Facility Rental Policy and Procedures. Motion seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion carried by voice vote.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The referendum on the Aurora Township Electrical Aggregation Program was approved by the voters at the November 6, 2012 general election. Brian Caputo, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Aurora, gave a presentation to the Board regarding the steps taken by the City of Aurora in the implementation of their aggregation program. He presented a written report on the post-referendum activities that were conducted by the City and how they utilized the services of a qualified consultant. (See attached)

A motion to prepare a Request for Proposal for Electricity Aggregation Consulting Services was made by Trustee Catching. Motion seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Arnold Schramel from Progressive Energy gave a short presentation on the electrical aggregation consulting services his company provides to local governmental entities.

VII. REPORTS (continued)

Vicki Marques was now present at the meeting, so she gave her Youth Center report. The Youth Center hosted the October breast cancer awareness Community Outreach workshop.

The youth department hosted the Halloween party on Tuesday, October 30th.

The boys' basketball league begins this month. Trustee Hicks asked if there was a budget set for the basketball program. Ms. Marques said that there is a budget for tournament fees and uniforms.

Trustee Catching asked if Aurora Township would be participating in the Fox Valley Marine Corps Annual Toy Drive. Ms. Marques stated that we have not been contacted by the Marine Corps to participate this year. There have been changes in several leadership positions for the program this year.

Trustee Hicks asked about the African American Men of Unity (AAMOU) and their recent use of the youth center. Discussion followed regarding the October 3rd use of the gymnasium and conference room.

A motion was made by Trustee Moore to leave the youth center's schedule of events in place "as is" and to let the AAMOU continue to use the facility from 11 am to 1:30 pm time on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Motion seconded by Trustee Hicks. Discussion followed regarding the motion. Trustee Moore withdrew his motion.

Supervisor Campos stated that the Aurora Township programs must take priority over those of outside organizations. She asked Mr. Rodgers from the AAMOU if he had investigated the cost of insurance coverage for his organization. Mr. Rodgers stated that the annual cost would be around \$2,100. Trustee Moore reiterated the need for insurance certification for every organization using the facility.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Randy Ryder stated that he believes there is a bias against the AAMOU programs. He questioned why basketball programs were cancelled and moved around frequently. He requested that a portion of the Aurora Township tax levy be set aside so that a second youth center could be opened.

Ms. Peggy Hicks expressed her concern that the representative from AAMOU is being harassed by Aurora Township staff. She requested that her concerns be addressed in writing by the Board.

Mr. Brian Pollock agreed with comments previously made by Trustee Moore regarding insurance coverage for all organizations using the community center. Supervisor Murphy had written a good policy regarding the use of the youth center years ago, and the Board should look into reinstating that policy.

Mr. Ricky Rodgers stated that the AAMOU had been a partner with the Township in the past, and the previous administration had extended insurance protection under the Township's umbrella coverage to this organization. AAMOU had not budgeted for the unexpected insurance requirement for the current year.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Campos announced the November Community Outreach program on Radon in the Home on Thursday, November 15th and Thursday, November 29th at 7:00 pm.

The Township is working with several local organizations to hold the second annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 21, 2012, at the East Aurora High School and West Aurora High School. Mr. David Williams from the Main Baptist Church, one of the co-sponsors of the event, gave a brief presentation on the event. He thanked Second Ward Alderman Juany Garza for her generous contribution to the event.

Supervisor Campos also thanked State Representative Linda Chapa LaVia for her partnership on October 27th Deferred Action Workshop at the Youth Center, and thanked Juany Garza for her partnership on the October 3rd Dia de los Muertes Festival.

Supervisor Campos congratulated Brian Pollock on his recent election to the Kane County Board.

X. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Catching made a motion to adjourn to Executive Closed Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and personnel issues. Motion seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. to Executive Closed Session.

XI. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A motion to reconvene to Open Session was made by Supervisor Campos and seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion carried by voice vote at 7:17 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Campos and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

XIII. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Aurora Township Offices.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Richardson

Aurora Township Clerk Pro-tem