

**AURORA TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY**  
**AURORA, ILLINOIS**  
**Date February 14, 2013**  
**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, and Illinois at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2013. 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 called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching, Delores Hicks, Christina Campos, David Moore, and Mark Semmler also Commissioner John Shoemaker and Staff present: Vickie Marques.

**Public Present:** Please see attached.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF January 24, 2013.**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday **January 24, 2013** was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

Mark Semmler moved to add discussion of "Roof Issues" to "New Business". Motion seconded by David Moore, and carried. (Voice vote)

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

Motion by Christina Campos to amend Road and Bridge bills, seconded by David Moore, and Equipment audit, by Christina Campos seconded by Bill Catching

A motion to approve the **Town Bills** in the amount of \$44,388.59 was made by Christina Campos with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$10,660.79 was made by Christina Campos with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$5,559.04 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **COMBINED IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$10,726.99 was made by Christina Campos 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 \$5,617.48 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

#### IV. REPORTS

##### 1. Assessor's Report

Mr. Offutt submitted a written report consisting of three (3) pages. Please see attachment.

Mr. Offutt also made explanation for the report. The report is the Assessor's recommended budget for the Aurora Township Assessor's Office.

Mr. Offutt also gave explanation for the content of the budget.

##### 2. Highway Commissioner's Report

John Shoemaker reported that his department was getting a head start on next year's projects. Mr. Shoemaker also reported that the Dept. was ahead of the snow, keeping vehicles running. There was one (1) vehicle struck, but was in-house repaired and a bill was submitted to TOIRMA

Mr. Shoemaker also reported that "everything else is good and in order

Mr. Shoemaker also stated that the process to replace the Skylights and Roof of the original building was started and was hopeful for a March, 2013 finish date. Bids open 2/22/13...

Further the Dept. was using salt to a minimum to where we were compelled to order more.

**3. Youth Services Director's Report**

See attached written report by Ms. Vickie Marques consisting of seven (7) pages entitled "January Board Report" (2013) with presentation and explanation on each item of interest.

Mr. Wayne Robinson provided an additional report consisting of 10 pages outlining the 2013 Basketball Tournaments and entry fees required for the Aurora Township youth.

The proposal is a multi-tournament package with the budget included in the proposal.

Mr. Catching inquired if this proposal was already in the budget?

Ms. Marques explained that the funds may be available on "line items" but not sure.

Delores Hicks suggested that adding a \$15.00 fee instead of \$5.00 would off-set the cost. Ms. Hicks explained, and asked "the Chair" for an explanation of the fund balance in the budget.

Mr. Moore asked Mr. Robinson how much he would need to support the program.  
\$58,000 plus.

Vickie Marques offered explanation.

Mr. Moore explained and asked the original question of "the Chair" re: fund balance in the budget.

Supervisor Campos gave explanation.

Mr. Catching observed that \$14,710.34 in line items, an asked "the Chair" to explain the disparity in the budget.

Mr. Moore asked for "the end balance" for the Youth Dept.?

Supervisor Campos explained that she "doesn't know".

Vickie Marques "doesn't know".

Mr. Moore continued the discussion on the issue of the budget disparity and moved to "table the consideration of the "Robinson Proposal" until finances are itemized and finding funds to avoid a budget deficit.

Mr. Moore explained that "tabling" will not affect the programs at the Center.

Trustee Hicks also expressing budget issues sought senior concerns in their desire for up-grades and additional computers with internet access and applications.

Vickie Marques agrees with this necessity.

Mr. Moore asked if Ms. Marques could work-up an outline including costs of the up-grades.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Mark Simmer explained the progress on the "Roofing Issue". That it was nearing completion to insert the roof. Also gave explanation on the materials update.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Approval of Ordinance 2013-01 Establishing Aurora Township as an Electrical Aggregator**

Mr. Arnold Schramel, on behalf of Progressive Energy Group, presented a print-out of the Aurora Township Electric Aggregation, February 14, 2013. See attached. Mr. Schramel explained each aspect of the program as an "Op-Out" program and further explained that Aurora's costs will have a different rate (higher) if not joined with smaller communities.

Motion to approve the ordinance by Christina Campos, seconded by Bill Catching, Mark Semmler abstaining. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

##### **B. Approval of Electrical Aggregation Plan of Governance**

Motion to approve the Electrical Aggregation Plan of Governance by Christina Campos, seconded by Bill Catching, Mark Semmler abstaining. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

##### **C. Rid in Kane Financial Report**

Motion by Christina Campos to table, seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried (Voice vote)

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Peggy Hicks expressing the concern of senior citizens inquired about the "Handi-Man Service", and who is this person? Wondered if the Township had such a person or whether the position was "on hold", and if so, why?

Ms. Bobby Cannon asked whether there was a person to be recommended for the job of senior service director.

Mr. Moore inquired whether the service to seniors was discontinued or on hold? And if so, on whose authority?

Mr. Robert Thuelby "My Fathers Hands", provided a quality service to the senior community and were told by the Township that the program was is not functional.

My Fathers Hands has provided services and is contracted by Aurora to perform services. **This office has been told not to act**

This issue is also on the agenda of the Aurora City Council.

Mr. Moore questioned whether "My Fathers Hands" was not a referred service. Seniors have been calling asking why the Township program is discontinued, although still providing services to the surrounding areas

Mr. Moore moves to put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting. Motion seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervoiior Campos asked everyone to remember to vote on February 28, 2013.

Supervisor Campos also advised the 2/22/13 Annual Black History event at Prisco Center hosted by Alderman Richard Irvin, a joint event with African American Men of Unity.

7:30 am. 2/28/13 Heritage Award Breakfast. \$40.00 cost.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Christina Campos, seconded by Bill; Catching to adjourn. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Next meeting Thursday February 28, 2013 at 4:pm., at the Aurora Township  
Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Herbert Hill

Aurora Township Clerk